



State of Oregon  
**Office of State Representative Ricki Ruiz**  
House District 50 Gresham & East Portland

Chair Dexter, Vice Chairs Helfrich, Gamba, and Members of the Housing & Homelessness Committee

I am writing to you in strong support of House Bill 3462. We continue to see the increase need of housing across the state. We have seen families lose their homes in areas that are highly impacted by wildfires and other natural disasters. For many, those homes are more than just a shelter, they are also a place that holds memories. During the 2020 Oregon wildfires, many families lost their homes and had no where to go. Imagine being in a situation in where you lost all your belongings, having to navigate what steps to take next while ensuring your family is maintained safe. The trauma inflicted during situations like these can forever stay in the memories of those affected. One thing we can do in preparation is ensuring that emergency housing is ready and available to families and residents that need a place to stay.

A survey found that 40% of community members displaced by wildfires were not able to access government services.

70% of those that qualified had to wait 3 months to a year to get temporary housing and many did not feel safe in the temporary housing that were made available.

House Bill 3462 ensures that all emergency Housing meets fair housing requirements. Ensure housing resources are immediately accessible. Ensure resources are available for those who do not qualify for FEMA resources.

I urge your support on HB 3462. Our families, our children, and our residents depend on this important piece of legislation.

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