

Coos-Curry/North Bend City Housing Authority

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## Housing Authorities of Oregon support HB 3482 -2

To: Chair Dexter, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Helfrich and Members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness:

The Housing Authorities of Oregon are, collectively, the largest providers of affordable housing in the state of Oregon. There are 22 Housing Authorities that serve all 36 counties. Our goal is to provide a safe, affordable place for Oregonians with low incomes to call home.

Housing Authorities of Oregon supports HB 3482 with the -2 amendments, which funds grants and loans to housing authorities, nonprofits, tribes, local governments and other entities to cover pre-development costs for the development of affordable housing.

Often in rural areas, housing authorities may be the only local developer of affordable housing, and small staffs limit capacity. In order to develop adequate housing, the right investments at the right time can make the difference. HB 3482 -2 provides critical funds at a critical moment.

To offer one example, Mid-Columbia Housing Authority has identified two potential projects that could move forward with the help of funding from HB 3482, -2. Mid-Columbia Housing Authority provides affordable housing throughout The Gorge.

Please support HB 2482 -2. For further information, please contact:

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