

March 28, 2023

Senator Kayse Jama
Chair, Senate Committee on Housing and Development
900 Court St NE, S-409
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Senate Bill 977 - References to previous testimony on Senate Bill 847

Dear Chair Jama and Members of the Committee:

The content of SB 977 was previously included in SB 847, as what was then Section 22 of that bill. The provisions that now make up SB 977 would resolve a double standard in current statute that adds significant expense to affordable housing construction *if* those homes are part of a mixed-use development. Under SB 977, affordable housing that happens to be part of a mixed-use development will receive the same exemption from prevailing wage requirements as already applies to stand-alone affordable housing projects.

The Oregon Housing Alliance encourages you to review the following testimony that was submitted to your committee in support of what was then Section 22 of SB 847, on the occasion of your March 15 hearing on that bill. These provisions now comprise SB 977.

- [CASA of Oregon](#)
- [Home Forward](#)
- [Housing Oregon](#)
- [Hacienda CDC](#)
- [Habitat for Humanity Oregon](#)
- [Sightline Institute](#)
- [Alexander Salazar](#)
- [Eli Spevak, Orange Splot LLC](#)
- [Native American Youth and Family Center](#)
- [Housing Works](#)
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Sincerely,



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