



March 31, 2023

Representative Maxine Dexter
Chair, House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE, H-283
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 3589

Dear Chair Dexter and Committee Members:

The League of Oregon Cities (LOC) is unable to support HB 3589 as introduced, due to the overbroad impacts the bill would have on historic districts, which vary widely from city to city. However, the LOC supports our understanding of the intent of the bill, which is protect needed housing supply from being lost to a growing short-term rental market. The LOC appreciates Representative Andersen's work to highlight this issue through HB 3589 and would like to support future conversations on short-term rentals.

Should this committee choose to pursue an interim legislative workgroup, the LOC respectfully suggests the workgroup incorporate the expertise of cities and counties from a variety of geographies and size that have recently enacted short-term rental regulations and enforcement programs. Local governments have experience balancing the competing benefits and challenges of short-term rental regulation – in particular, how to ensure a healthy stock of affordable housing and how to support local tourism and economic development opportunities. A future workgroup would also benefit from a thorough review of state and local best practices, challenges, and available state and local resources including transient lodging tax revenues and allowed use of funds.

Sincerely,

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