



April 27, 2023

Senator Lew Frederick and Representative Susan McLain, Co-Chairs  
Joint Committee on Transportation  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**Re: House Bill 3556 with -2 amendment**

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and McLain and Members of the Joint Committee:

The Oregon Housing Alliance urges your support of House Bill 3556 with the -2 amendment. This legislation takes a balanced approach to improving current law with respect to the towing of abandoned recreational vehicles by simultaneously addressing three issues:

- The need for adequate notice and due process protections to ensure that RVs are not towed if they are being used as shelter, and are not hazards;
- The need to assist local governments with expedited removal of abandoned RVs that are destroyed or are hazards; and
- The need for assistance with the expense of dismantling RVs that are abandoned.

The Housing Alliance can support the -2 amendment because it creates a system to distinguish between truly abandoned RVs, on the one hand, and people's homes, on the other. As with any other home, an RV is often someone's only safe haven; storage for precious belongings, documents, and medications; and life-saving protection from the elements.

Tools are needed to deal with RVs that are truly abandoned or hazardous. But RVs that are people's homes must not be destroyed. The -2 amendment to HB 3556 strikes a balance between these two imperatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cameron Herrington".

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