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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 3145

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Breese-Iverson, and members of the committee:

I am writing on behalf of Housing Oregon and our 130 nonprofit and affiliate business members to urge your support for HB 3145 which will provide essential funding and support for factory-built housing as a critical strategy to expand affordable housing opportunities in Oregon. Our members are building and managing affordable housing, running home ownership programs, and working on the frontlines of Oregon's housing crisis.

Our state housing crisis demands that we look to alternative approaches to housing construction that can get units on the ground more quickly and efficiently. This proposal will create a LIFT pilot project to fund housing developments that use off-site construction or innovative materials. The project will include structured support and technical assistance to help projects succeed and to educate affordable developers and local governments regarding the use of innovative approaches.

Several of our member organizations have been active in helping shape this bill and/or are actively engaged in projects utilizing innovative manufactured housing methods including NOAH, Hacienda CDC, Casa of Oregon, Proud Ground, and Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity.

Housing Oregon urges passage of HB 3145 to allow OHCS to award \$50 million in LIFT for housing off-site production and \$650,000 for TA.

Sincerely,

Brian Hoop
Executive Director
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