

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY



February 3, 2026

Senate Committee On Housing and Development
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: In Support of Senate Bill 1567

Dear Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Victoria Via, and I live in NW Portland in Senate District 17. I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 1567 and the development and funding of a Mixed Income Development Loan Fund.

I am an architect and a Senior Associate with Architects FORA, where I specialize in the design of multifamily affordable and mixed-income housing. FORA has a 40-year portfolio of housing developments serving a range of populations, including very- and extremely-low income residents, seniors, educators, families, the formerly homeless, and developmentally disabled adults. Our developer partners include local housing authorities, public agencies, and nonprofit developers.

With all of these developments, I've witnessed our partners tackle the complex and difficult challenge of piecing together funding sources. I've worked on too many projects that have stalled out after losing a single piece of financing, after years of engagement with communities, design work, and investment of predevelopment funds. As we know, the current system is not keeping up with the housing needs of our communities.

What we urgently need are creative, innovative, sustainable approaches to funding and building more housing, and I believe that the Mixed Income Development Loan Fund is a great example of that. We've seen the success of this tool in other communities. And, in this time of uncertainty around federal funding, this state funding mechanism will be especially important.

I strongly urge your support of Senate Bill 1567. We need to build more housing that is affordable to all Oregonians, and this fund could be a crucial tool in doing just that.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Via".

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