



February 3, 2025

Representative Pam Marsh
Chair, House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE, H-474
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support For House Bill 4082

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Oregon Housing Alliance to urge your support to improve housing accessibility for aging Oregonians. HB 4082 will increase the development of housing for Oregonians 55 and older and manufacture home parks – one of our most affordable housing typologies. Our seniors are the fastest growing houseless population; they cannot absorb rising home prices because they predominantly rely on fixed incomes.

We appreciate the attention HB 4082 provides to the characteristics that bring a community to life. By mandating: recreation and open space, neighborhood-scale commercial uses and diverse transportation infrastructure to support walking, biking, and public transit these new developments can foster connection. For the 55 and older communities, including Type B adaptability standards allows people to age in place and continue to experience the benefits of their communities.

The Oregon Housing Alliance is a statewide coalition of over 100 member organizations, including tenant organizations; affordable housing developers and operators; social service providers and shelter operators; Community Action Agencies; Public Housing Authorities; housing industry businesses and professionals; city and county governments; and community-based nonprofits and advocacy groups. Many of our members are within the community land trust ecosystem and organizations that are committed to expanding homeownership opportunities across the state. Our diverse membership is united by the belief that every Oregonian deserves a home that is affordable, stable, accessible and safe. To this end, we urge your support of House Bill 4082.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebekah Markillie".

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