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Chair Nathanson, Vice-chairs Walters and Reshke and members of the committee,

I write on behalf of Housing Oregon to urge your strong support for SB 1507. Housing Oregon is a statewide association representing 147 mission-driven organizations that build, preserve, finance, and operate affordable housing across Oregon.

Housing Oregon does not typically weigh in on tax conformity policy. Our focus is housing. We are here today because the revenue choices before you will directly affect Oregon's ability to maintain the systems that prevent displacement, foreclosure, and homelessness.

SB 1507 would disconnect Oregon from certain federal tax provisions that disproportionately benefit large corporations and the wealthiest households. By doing so, Oregon retains significant revenue that would otherwise be lost through automatic conformity. In a constrained budget environment, that revenue determines whether core housing stabilization systems remain intact.

From our perspective, this is about prevention and stewardship. There are proposed reductions across critical housing and homelessness programs, including shelter funding, rent assistance, and housing stabilization services. There have also been proposals to eliminate all state funding for foreclosure counseling, even though foreclosure counseling is required by statute. Eliminating funding does not eliminate foreclosures. It simply removes the infrastructure designed to help homeowners navigate crisis, access mediation, and avoid unnecessary loss of housing.

Housing is deeply connected to child care, health care, and income stability. When families lose access to child care or face health-related financial shocks, housing instability rises. That is why we are standing in coalition with partners across sectors in support of SB 1507.

This bill is not the entirety of the solution to Oregon's budget gap. We think it is a meaningful step that allows Oregon to avoid compounding fiscal strain by automatically adopting federal tax provisions that do not align with our values

or priorities. Disconnecting provides the Legislature with more flexibility to protect essential services that keep people housed and safeguard public investments.

Preventing foreclosure is less costly than rehousing a displaced family. Maintaining shelter and rent assistance capacity is less costly than expanding crisis response. **For these reasons, Housing Oregon respectfully urges your support for SB 1507.**

Sincerely,
Kevin Cronin

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