



INNOVATIVE HOUSING, INC.
CREATING SOLUTIONS TO UNMET HOUSING NEEDS

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

I am writing on behalf of Innovative Housing, Inc. to urge your support for SB1507.

Innovative Housing is a statewide, mission-driven affordable housing provider with over 1,200 affordable rental units in Oregon. We do not typically weigh in on tax conformity policy. Our focus is housing. But the revenue choices before you will directly affect Oregon's ability to maintain the systems that prevent displacement, foreclosure, and homelessness.

SB1507 would disconnect Oregon from certain federal tax provisions that disproportionately benefit large corporations and wealthy 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.

This bill is not the entirety of the solution to Oregon's budget gap, but 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. Please support SB1507.

Thank you,

Sarah Stevenson

Executive Director