



Advancing Community Together: A cross-sector coalition to address our housing & homelessness crisis

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Support for SB 1566: Prevailing Wage Criteria

A.C.T. Now Lane

Senate Committee on Labor and Business

Dear Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Hayden, and members of the Senate Labor & Business Committee:

We are writing to offer our support for SB 1566.

A.C.T. Now Lane is a cross-sector coalition, bringing together diverse voices from non-profits, private businesses, government agencies, neighborhood groups and unhoused individuals, to collectively confront the housing and homelessness crisis in Lane County. Recognizing the need for a unified approach, we amplify existing efforts and advocate for policy changes with a shared responsibility and collaboration – with the ultimate goal of making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring while spurring housing development across the continuum.

As you're aware, Oregon is facing a housing crisis, having underbuilt for decades. From 2017-24, Lane County rental prices grew by 40% and home sale prices grew by 88%. During this same time period, Lane County added ~12,000 residents and for many of those years, Oregon's population grew at a rate of roughly 3 new residents for every 1 new housing unit. These high rents and low vacancy rates have contributed to some of the highest rates of homelessness in the nation, with thousands living on the streets unsheltered.

As we have built A.C.T. Now Lane to better address our housing and homelessness crisis, almost every key stakeholder – from shelter and service providers to leadership of our law enforcement, courts, and hospitals – have urged us to focus on building more housing. And we have heard multiple examples from non-profit and for-profit developers who have had projects stalled or killed by items addressed in SB 1566.

We are working hard at a local level to find land, funding, cost-effective models, and process improvements to dramatically (yet thoughtfully) increase housing development. However, we need your support. Therefore, we are writing to urge you to show leadership and take action to address this critical need for our State, communities, and neighbors by supporting SB 1566.

Sincerely,

The A.C.T. Now Lane Steering Committee