



March 10, 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 3145,

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of The Oregon Housing Alliance to urge your support for HB 3145. This bill will create a pilot program with LIFT funding that will help us meet our ambitious housing development goals.

HB 3145 invests in some of the many innovative housing-constructions methods and materials that already exist – such as modular, mass timber, and factory-produced housing. Such methods allow housing of different sizes to be built, generally off-site, and assembled on-site at costs greatly less than conventional home building methods, and yet the housing blends in with existing conventional homes. Other states and countries have found success with factory-produced housing and with the use of innovative materials and methods.

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 like 1000 Friends of Oregon, Casa of Oregon, Proud Ground, and Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity have been guiding the development of this bill.

Oregon is experiencing a housing shortage. The longer it takes to build housing the more expensive it will be. To ensure a future where every Oregonian has a home that is affordable, stable, accessible and safe we urge your support of House Bill 3145.

Sincerely,

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