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There is a big gap in the housing continuum between market rental and market homeownership. That gap needs to be filled with more affordable homeownership, which can be promoted through direct subsidy from programs like the highly-successful LIFT program paired with planning and zoning policies that allow for higher-density townhome construction in former single-family zones. When we fund affordable homeownership, people move out of rental into homeownership, from subsidized rental into market rental, from temporary shelter into subsidized rental, etc. there is a ripple effect across the continuum. I support this measure because it will call greater attention and commitment to monitoring homeownership in Oregon and ensure that homeownership is included in the discussion as we debate how best to meet the state's housing needs.