



## MULTIFAMILY NW

The Association Promoting Quality Rental Housing

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Oregon House Committee on Housing & Homelessness  
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### **RE: SB5511, Support for \$100 million in Emergency Rent Assistance**

Co-Chairs Gomberg and Woods, members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development,

Multifamily NW is the largest association of housing providers in the state, with more than 1,000 members collectively managing more than 275,000 units throughout Oregon and southwest Washington. Our association advocates for common sense public policy with one goal in mind: Keeping Oregonians housed. We support OHCS budget and the investments the Legislature is making in order to preserve affordable housing and provide permanent rent assistance to low-income Oregonians.

SB 5511 represents a significant investment and necessary tool to reach these shared goals. We appreciate the comprehensive nature of the budget requests from Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) and ask that you consider substantially increasing the amount of money for the preservation of affordable housing, and for rental support to truly reflect the need within our communities.

The statewide housing emergency will not abate until additional housing supply is brought on board, and we believe that it's imperative for the legislature to invest every dollar possible in preservation of affordable housing and expanding rent assistance that will help housing providers keep Oregonians housed.

Multifamily NW is grateful for both the agency and Gov. Kotek's attention to this matter and support their requests for resources to rehouse Oregonians, preserve affordable housing and provide long-term rent assistance to Oregonians in need.

Thank you for your consideration of our perspective.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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