

Subject: Strong support of HB 2008

Dear Chair Fahey and Committee Members,

I live in Oak Grove, an unincorporated area of northern Clackamas County and am involved with the Oak Grove United Methodist Church. I am a participant in the Leaven Community Land and Housing Coalition, a coalition of faith communities in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington County, leveraging church land and resources so that all Oregonians can come home.

The churches in this community have the most valuable resource in the quest to provide affordable housing for our neighbors who are struggling – land. Land they want to make available. Land that can save people from having to spend another night in the cold and wet, land that can provide safe shelter.

Your action is crucial. Please approve the HB 2008 so that faith communities across the state of Oregon can build affordable housing on our land with as few barriers as possible.

Our neighbors need your help, creativity and support in leveraging every option and financing stream to begin solving the crisis of housing instability and homelessness in our city and county.

Sincerely
Eleanore Hunter