



MULTIFAMILY NW

The Association Promoting Quality Rental Housing

Oregon House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
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Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: SB 1576-A – Neutral Position and Continued Collaboration

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

For the record, my name is Zach Lindahl, and I serve as Director of Government Affairs for Multifamily NW. We represent nearly 300,000 rental homes across Oregon and the professionals who own, operate, and maintain them. Our members are deeply engaged in housing development and long-term operations, including efforts to expand accessible housing options.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 1576-A. We appreciate the work that has gone into refining this bill and, in particular, the collaboration of Senator Patterson with our industry throughout this process.

The A-amended version reflects meaningful changes. By focusing the updated accessibility requirements on publicly funded and subsidized housing, and not applying expanded Type A unit requirements to the private market, the bill addresses several concerns previously raised about feasibility and development impacts.

Multifamily NW supports the shared goal of expanding accessible housing in Oregon. We agree that housing should meet the needs of Oregonians with disabilities and older adults, and we recognize that improving accessibility standards in subsidized housing can play an important role in that effort.

At the same time, we believe it is important to continue examining how accessibility requirements align with demonstrated demand across different housing segments. Matching supply with actual need ensures that units are occupied, projects remain financially viable, and overall housing production is not constrained. We remain committed to working with legislators, advocates, and state agencies to develop solutions on the private market side that appropriately balance accessibility goals with cost, feasibility, and demand.

With the amendments adopted in SB 1576-A and the ongoing conversations around implementation, Multifamily NW is taking a neutral position on the bill as amended. We look forward to continued collaboration to ensure Oregon increases accessibility in housing while maintaining housing production and affordability.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Zach Lindahl
Director of Government Affairs
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