



TODAY'S MANUFACTURED HOME

BUILT FOR LIVING. BUILT FOR LIFE.

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Senate Committee on Housing and Development
900 Court Street
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Committee Members:

As the Executive Director of the Oregon Manufactured Housing Association, I represent more than 60 member companies actively participating in affordable housing within Oregon. OMHA members include manufactured and modular factories that have been building high-quality, factory-built housing for more than 50 years, along with retailers, lenders, insurance companies, suppliers, transporters, and installers who partner together to make homeownership attainable to Oregonians. Our homes also can fill important needs in the rental and ADU markets.

On behalf of OMHA members, I express our support for Senate Bill 1537. We appreciate the work you have done to create this bill with close collaboration among stakeholders. Among the many strengths of SB 1537, we are excited about the possibilities this legislation opens for the development of new communities, which Oregon has not seen since the 1970s. My members are ready to help fill these manufactured home communities alongside the rebuilding of those destroyed by the 2020 wildfires.

Our industry regularly experiences difficulty navigating local government policies in context of statewide planning laws. The creation of the Housing Accountability and Production Office could provide necessary resources to help navigate these regulations for housing production.

Thank you again for your incredible efforts to push affordable housing to the forefront of this session and for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1537.

Sincerely,

Jody Lyon
Executive Director
