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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure: HB3215

Chair Dexter and Members of the Committee,

I write in support of HB3214, which authorizes OHCS to support housing recovery after disasters, wherever they may occur across the state. We have seen the devastating impacts of the 2020 wildfires, are grappling with other future hazards such as sea level rise, extreme flooding, and a CSZ earthquake and tsunami. That DOGAMI estimates a 37% chance of a Medium size (9.0 magnitude) (Goldfinger et al. 2017; Priest et al. 2013; Witter et al. 2013; USGS 2012) earthquake over the next 50 years should be compelling enough to authorize OHCS to quickly and effectively support coordinated recovery efforts. In the event of a disaster, be it wildfires, flooding exacerbated by sea level rise, or a regionally devastating CSZ event, housing is fundamental to life safety and community efforts to "bounce forward" and recover. Our state housing finance agency should be authorized to lend their expertise, support, and coordination in such events.

Thank you for your consideration.