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The initial proposition to study housing in Oregon feels redundant to what the department is already expected to do. Researching and remaining up to date on issues related to their subject matter is an expectation. The amendments that clarify the type of reporting and information requested seems reasonable and understandable. In addition to the proposed amendments that clarify the report, it seems important to research and better understand the housing that is available that goes unused or that property owners have let fall into disrepair - some even renting out these places instead of repairing them and making them livable. Housing is a complex and complicated issue and all sides of it need to be researched, not simply availability and struggles to build housing. Look into the places that sit empty before continuing to destroy land to build "affordable" complexes and hold landlords accountable instead of giving them free range to raise rent unchecked.