



Testimony in Support of House Bill 5011

House Committee on Housing

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Co-Chair Beyer, Co-Chair Gomberg, and Members of the Committee

My name is Peter Hainley and I am Executive Director of CASA of Oregon. CASA is a nonprofit community development organization that works throughout Oregon to support thriving communities. We work with local nonprofits, housing authorities, governments and communities to help meet the housing needs of families, farmworkers, seniors and the disabled. We also provide asset-building opportunities via individual development accounts and financial inclusion services.

CASA of Oregon would like to offer its support for HB 5011, and the recommended budget for the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) Department for the 2021-2023 biennium.

CASA of Oregon has been working with populations that have been hit hard by the crises of 2020. Farmworkers and residents of manufactured home communities, two key constituencies that benefit from CASA's programs, have had a rough go this last year. HB 5011 supports these populations by making significant investments.

CASA also offers Individual Development Accounts across the state to support those wanting to start a business, get an education or buy their first home. Because of a less funding in the program, CASA has not been able to serve the numbers of families it has historically

All of these programs will benefit from your support of HB 5011:

- Staffing for Individual Development Accounts program
- Funding and staffing for agriculture workforce housing program
- Funding and staffing support for rental and home ownership programs
- Staffing support to the Joint Task Force on Addressing Racial Disparities in Homeownership
- Staffing and funding support for manufactured home park preservation and manufactured home replacement

We strongly support the passage of HB 5011 so that organizations like ours can continue to partner with OHCS and work to serve the people of Oregon.

Thank you for your service to the State of Oregon.