

Chair Marsh, Vice Chair Andersen, Vice Chair Breese-Iverson and members of the committee, my name is Alec MacDonald-Factor and I'm here today on behalf of the Housing Authorities of Oregon.

We are the statewide association of public housing authorities, representing 22 public housing authorities that serve all 36 Oregon counties. Housing Authorities are collectively the largest provider of affordable housing in the state. Our mission is to ensure that every Oregonian has a safe and affordable place to call home.

We are testifying in support of HB 4037 with the -10 amendment, which will include Housing Authorities in opportunities to purchase state lands that are being disposed or sold.

Housing Authorities play an important role in developing affordable housing, especially in rural areas, where they may be the only affordable housing developer. This amendment will create more opportunities for your local housing authorities to secure unneeded state lands to create a safe affordable place for your constituents to call home.

