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Senate Committee on Housing and Development
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE,
Salem, OR 97301

RE: SB 31, SB 32, and SB 973

League of Oregon Cities stands in strong support of SB 31, SB 32 and SB 973.

Preservation of existing affordable housing is a key tool in addressing our housing crisis. We cannot afford to lose existing affordable homes while we work collectively to build more. Oregon is short more than 100,000 homes, we cannot afford to lose any part of our existing affordable stock. Cities do not have a large, statutory role in the preservation of affordable housing, but we do believe that preservation is vital to addressing our on-going housing crisis.

SB 31 takes steps to ensure better protection for tenants living in publicly supported affordable housing and ensure a softer landing in the unfortunate case where affordable housing cannot be preserved.

SB 32 represents yet another small, but powerful, part of the picture of addressing preservation, making it easier for tenants and advocates alike to understand the current status of publicly supported affordable housing.

Finally, SB 973 ensures that at move in tenants are made aware of the date of expiry of affordability restrictions, better allowing tenants to make informed decisions and advocate on their own behalf.

These bills represent just a portion of the puzzle, but a vital portion, to ensuring that we do not lose ground while we work to address our ongoing housing and affordability crisis. We look forward to conversation in Ways and Means regarding, the other major piece of this puzzle, ensuring adequate state investment in preservation resources to ensure that we, as a state, are able to maintain these homes as affordable in the long term.

Thank you for your consideration.

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