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OREGON STATE SENATE

Testimony in Support of HB 3146: Pilot Program for Low-Barrier Emergency Housing

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House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

3:00 p.m., Hearing Room C

Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Javadi & Nelson, and Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care:

For the record, my name is Lisa Reynolds, and I represent West Portland and communities in Northeastern Washington County across the way in the State Senate.

I have been a pediatrician for 20-plus years, and I continue to practice when the legislature is not in session. I am testifying in strong support of HB 3146, which impacts my constituents and Oregonians as a whole. There is, without a doubt, a housing issue that this bill will strive to relieve by building and upkeeping safe housing options for those who struggle with substance use disorders (SUD). The road towards sobriety and its obstacles are detrimental, by establishing housing with resources to begin to overcome SUD.

As we weigh the pros and cons of HB 3146, I begin by stating that my goal is to prioritize pregnant people, with the end goal to eliminate child poverty, which in turn will better the lives of all affected.

HB 3146 has set a direct outline to who it aims to help, MARGINALIZED individuals. Pregnant people, and youth, these individuals endure stress from the everyday changes, housing and safety should never be added to the mix of stressors.

As a pediatrician, mother, and Oregonian, I urge your support to care for the most vulnerable and to grant them an opportunity towards a dignified housing arrangement.

Thank you,

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