



February 5, 2024

Representative Maxine Dexter
Chair, House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE, H-283
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for House Bill 4099

Dear Chair Dexter and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Housing Alliance urges your support of House Bill 4099, which reduces the cost of housing production by changing the timing of when system development charges (SDCs) are required to be paid by a developer.

Under HB 4099, cities will have the option of collecting SDCs after building occupancy, rather than as a condition for receiving a building permit. This simple change reduces financing costs for developers and lowers the cost of building new housing, without reducing SDC revenue that is needed for the public infrastructure that supports that housing. Meanwhile, cities will be protected in the event of a developer's failure to pay by a Municipal Development Protection Fund at OHCS.

The Housing Alliance is a coalition of over 100 member organizations, including city and county governments, tenant organizations, community action agencies, and affordable housing providers from across the state. From these various positions within Oregon's affordable housing landscape, our members have overwhelmingly voted to endorse HB 4099. We call on the committee to join us in supporting this common-sense, cost-effective measure that reduces the cost of housing production without jeopardizing funding for municipal infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cameron Herrington".

Cameron Herrington
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