

INVESTMENTS NEEDED TO PREVENT EVICTION AND HOMELESSNESS - SB 1530

Rent assistance and eviction prevention measures are critical interventions to keep our homelessness crisis from getting even worse. While prioritization of new development of affordable housing units is a key strategy to address our affordability crisis, these interventions will take years to have impact. In the meantime, hardworking Oregonians are struggling to make ends meet, facing eviction and homelessness as a result. We must invest in proven strategies to protect housing stability and prevent homelessness while we work towards long-term solutions.

\$45 million in rent assistance in OHCS Budget for rent assistance through community action agencies and community-based organizations.

\$6.5 million to the Urban League of Oregon for culturally specific housing stability services.

\$6 million to the Home Fund at Oregon Worker Relief for housing stability services for immigrant Oregonians.

86% of eviction filings are because people have fallen behind on their rent. There are close to 2000 eviction filings a month.

\$2 million for outreach services for residents of expiring affordable housing units.

Eviction Prevention is Smart Investment



Prevent increased homelessness while saving money. No one should lose their home because they are temporarily short on their rent. And prevention of homelessness costs 10x less than responding to homelessness.



Help children stay stable in school. Oregon already has the highest rate of families living outside. We must keep every family who has a home in their home.



Prevent more housing disparities. Because of historic disparities in access to jobs and housing, Black, Indigenous and Latinx Oregonians are more likely to be renters, more likely to experience financial hardship, and more likely to face eviction and homelessness.



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