



Testimony in Support of HB 4051 -3 amendments

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Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Campos, Vice-Chair Morgan, and members of the Committee, on behalf Oregon's 241 cities the League of Oregon Cities is in support of HB 4051 -3 amendments.

- 1) A proposed one-year extension of the shelter siting provisions from HB 2006 (2021). Many communities have found this to be a useful tool and believe the additional time provides more opportunities to address the homeless crisis.
- 2) There is also a technical fix to SB 8 from the 2021 session. The amendments correct the error in the original bill that will clarify that eligibility is based on ownership of the property on which the affordable housing is located, and not on the housing itself. This too is necessary to not limit the eligibility of projects
- 3) HB 2100 from the 2021 session called for a Task Force on Homelessness and Racial Disparities who's work we believe will help provide important policy recommendations. An initial report was provided in January of this year, but to fully address the issues and offer a more comprehensive assessment more time is needed.

The League of Oregon Cities are urging your support for the package of -3 amendments.