

Submitter: David Wall
On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES HB 3939
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3939

I OPPOSE [HB 3939]. Cities should pay for their own infrastructure requirements.

From the TEXT of [HB 3939], "...SECTION 1... (c) "Workforce income household" means a household with income less than or equal to 130 percent of the county median income based on information or estimates available from the United States Census Bureau."

*** How accurate is, "... the county median income based on information or estimates available from the United States Census Bureau?"

***What is the date for the last, "... estimates available from the United States Census Bureau?"

***Why rely on 'estimates' and not the 'accurate', "... median income based information..."?

*** [HB 3939] illustrates discriminatory per se in access to Affordable Housing to a specific, well-defined class of people referred to as "Workforce income household" negating equal access to Affordable Housing opportunities for the Disabled, Seniors and others.

*** Does [HB 3939] violate the tenants of the 'Oregon's Fair Housing Act'? See below:

[<https://www.oregon.gov/boli/civil-rights/Pages/fair-housing.aspx>]?

*** How are the "Workforce income household" and all others notified of Affordable Housing Opportunity?

*** What methodology(s) are used to insure 'equal access' to the Affordable Housing in [HB 3939]?

*** Will [HB 3939] result in the diminution of adjoining and or surrounding property values?

"... (A) The city shall serve as or designate the covenant holder;"

*** Are the citizens of cities receiving "Infrastructure Grants" obligated to increase their respective city staff (and corresponding overheads) to monitor {HB 3939} provisos for ten (10) years?

and

"... (B) The housing will be made affordable to workforce income households for a period of no less than 10 years." *** After ten (10) years, will the "Affordable Houses" be able to be 'sold' at 'Market Rates'?

"...SECTION 2. The Oregon Business Development Department shall provide grants to cities...out of the General Fund, \$15,850,000..."

*** The proposed 'Grant Program' administrative infrastructure to manage [HB 3939]

will be expensive.

*** [HB 3939] will require an increase in staff (with corresponding overheads) of "The Oregon Business Development Department" to carry out and monitor the 'Grant Program'.

*** There is 'No' budget allocation and or funding(s) identified to address the aforementioned administration of the "Grant Program?" Is the, "...the General Fund, \$15,850,000..." to be used to address the staffing (and overhead costs) of "The Oregon Business Development Department?"

***Will 'consultants' be retained?

*** [HB 3939] for the reasons stated above is devious, discriminatorily constructed and therefore incompetent and should be rejected and denied with prejudice. ***

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Mr. Oregon Concurs and says, "Who decided what cities receives the "Infrastructure Grants?" Why should Oregonians living in other cities, via their 'Taxes', be compelled pay for another city's "Infrastructure Grants?" Similar " Infrastructure Grants" to support "Affordable Housing" were issued [HB 4134 (2024)] awarding [\$2,000,000] to McMinnville."