



**Testimony on HB 3482
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The Nonprofit Association of Oregon supports HB 3482, -2, which funds grants and loans to housing authorities, nonprofits, tribes, local governments, and other entities to cover pre-development costs for the development of affordable housing.

NAO is a registered 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization representing over 1,550 charitable nonprofit organizations and affiliate members across Oregon. Our members are located throughout the state and come from all areas of the nonprofit sector serving our communities, including education, disaster recovery, health and human services, the arts, and environmental protection and veterans' services. NAO's mission is to strengthen the collective voice, leadership and capacity of Oregon nonprofits to enrich the lives of all Oregonians. More information about our many programs and services can be found at www.nonprofitoregon.org.

HB 3482, -2, would enable our member organizations to continue to address Oregon's housing crisis. Currently, many NAO members serve those who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness. And our members make Oregon stronger by both providing housing and services; and tackling the root causes of housing insecurity.

In solidarity with our member organizations seeking to develop affordable housing, NAO urges this committee to support HB 3482, -2.

Thank you for your consideration.