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**Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Policy Position
Relating to On Site RVs to Address Housing Needs**

Clackamas County supports SB 1013 with the -2 amendment: The housing crisis affects all Oregonians. While most legislation focuses on housing solutions in the urban areas, SB 1013 offers a housing solution that extends into rural and unincorporated communities and will support families and people in need.

Current state law prohibits the use of recreational vehicles (RVs) to be used on properties as a principal residence because they are categorized as “vacation occupancy” under Oregon’s residential and landlord tenant law (90.100). However, we know that RVs are capable of providing residential occupancy when done well and in strategic uses. At a time when the cost to construct new housing is at an all-time high, RVs can serve as an affordable alternative for increasing housing stock.

SB 1013 modifies state law so that rural area landowners can site a single RV on their property for residential use, provided the owner lives on-site in a single-family dwelling and has no other dwelling units on the property. This is intended to be a permissive allowance to counties, and would require the RV to be held to county standards if adopted. As noted in the bill, counties may or may not issue guidelines according to their own standards.

This creative legislation offers flexibility to address deficits in the housing inventory, and serves as an example of an effective partnership between the state and counties to help address the state’s housing crisis. This new legislation could serve up to 100 new households immediately in Clackamas County.

We urge a “yes” vote on SB 1013.

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