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RE: Housing Authorities of Oregon support for HB 3031 with the -1 amendment

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

Collectively, the Housing Authorities of Oregon are the largest providers of affordable housing in the state. There are 22 public housing authorities (PHAs) that serve all 36 counties. Our goal is to provide a safe, affordable place for Oregonians with low incomes to call home.

The Housing Authorities support the -1 amendment to HB 3031. Lack of infrastructure has been a significant obstacle in the development of affordable housing. Many sites need transportation, sidewalks, stormwater systems, and other key improvements before construction of new units can begin. For developers of affordable housing this can create significant delays as they work to raise the capital needed to complete these upgrades, or in some cases, prevent new projects from getting off the ground entirely.

By giving grants and forgivable loans to cities and counties to cover the cost of these critical infrastructure projects, we can eliminate a major barrier hindering our ability to develop affordable housing. Furthermore, it guarantees long-term access to affordable housing by requiring projects to remain under deed restriction for 30 years.

We urge your support for HB 3031 and the -1 amendment.

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