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The Association Promoting Quality Rental Housing

Oregon House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
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RE: Support for HB 3031 -1

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Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Multifamily NW, thank you for the opportunity to provide comment in support of the -1 amendment to HB 3031.

Multifamily NW is the largest association of housing providers in the state, representing nearly 300,000 units and every profession related to the industry — from property managers and owners to landscapers, maintenance professionals and screening companies. Our top priority is to collaborate with public sector leaders to identify and implement proven solutions to Oregon's ongoing housing crisis.

The lack of adequate infrastructure, including transportation, water, wastewater, and stormwater systems, has been a significant barrier to housing development within our urban growth boundaries. By providing grants, loans, or forgivable loans for these critical infrastructure projects, the -1 amendment directly addresses these challenges, facilitating the development of much-needed housing across the state.

We particularly appreciate the amendment's emphasis on affordable housing. By requiring that supported housing developments include an affordable housing covenant ensuring affordability for households with very low, low, or moderate incomes for a minimum of 30 years, this legislation promotes long-term housing solutions for Oregon's communities.

Furthermore, the amendment encourages collaboration between housing authorities, developers, and local governments, fostering partnerships that are vital for successful project implementation. This collaborative approach aligns with Multifamily NW's mission to work alongside public sector leaders in identifying and executing effective solutions to Oregon's ongoing housing crisis.

In conclusion, we believe that the -1 amendment to HB 3031 offers a comprehensive and practical framework to overcome infrastructure-related obstacles to housing development. We urge the committee to support it. Thank you for considering our perspective.

Sincerely,

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