



MULTIFAMILY NW

The Association Promoting Quality Rental Housing

Senate Committee on Housing and Development
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support for SB 1567

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Dear Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson and Members of the Committee:

For the record, my name is Jonathan Clay, Government & Public Affairs Manager with Multifamily NW. We represent nearly 300,000 rental homes across Oregon and the professionals who own, operate, and maintain them.

Multifamily NW is pleased to support SB 1567. This bill is a practical, forward-looking step that enables the state to finance more housing by authorizing the Housing and Community Services Department to fund mixed-income housing developments and establish a dedicated mixed-income housing loan program.

Oregon's housing shortage requires policies that increase housing supply across income levels. Mixed-income housing plays an important role in that effort by supporting financially viable projects that include both market-rate and affordable units. SB 1567 provides an additional financing tool that can help projects move forward that might otherwise stall due to funding gaps.

By establishing the Mixed Income Development Loan Fund and directing OHCS to develop clear program rules, SB 1567 creates flexibility while maintaining accountability. The ability to offer below-market, short-term loans can help unlock private capital, support project feasibility, and accelerate housing production.

Multifamily NW supports policies that move Oregon closer to the Governor's goal of producing 36,000 housing units per year. We believe SB 1567 aligns squarely with that objective by expanding the state's capacity to support housing development at scale, without overprescribing outcomes or adding unnecessary barriers.

At a time when Oregon urgently needs more homes, SB 1567 focuses on solutions that enable housing to be built. We appreciate the Legislature's attention to policies that encourage development, leverage public and private investment, and support long-term housing stability.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the committee to support SB 1567.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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