



MULTIFAMILY NW

The Association Promoting Quality Rental Housing

Oregon House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
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RE: Support for HB 3506 -1

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the -1 amendment to HB 3506 on behalf of Multifamily NW. This bill proposes a transfer of \$3,000,000 from the Senior Property Tax Deferral Revolving Account to the General Fund, with a subsequent appropriation to the Oregon Health Authority for deposit into the Healthy Homes Repair Fund. These funds are intended to support housing for seniors and individuals with disabilities, including the installation of accessibility modifications.

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.

Oregon's aging population and residents with disabilities often face challenges in finding safe, accessible, and affordable housing. The Healthy Homes Repair Fund plays a crucial role in addressing these needs by providing resources for necessary home repairs and modifications. By allocating \$3,000,000 to this fund, HB 3506-1 ensures that more seniors and individuals with disabilities can remain in their homes safely and comfortably.

Investing in this fund enhances quality of life, reduces the need for costly institutional care, and helps preserve Oregon's existing housing stock. HB 3506-1 is a thoughtful and necessary measure to support some of Oregon's most vulnerable populations. On behalf of Multifamily NW, we respectfully encourage this committee to support this bill and take a significant step toward improving housing conditions for seniors and individuals with disabilities in our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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