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Committee: House Committee On Rules
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The Honorable Chair Bowman, Vice Chair, and members of the committee
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301

Please Support HB 3970 – Helping Young People Experiencing Homelessness

I am writing to you today to strongly encourage your support for House Bill 3970. This important Act takes meaningful steps to help young people in our state who are experiencing homelessness.

HB 3970 makes a real difference in several key ways:

First, it tells the Department of Human Services and the Housing and Community Services Department to work together in collaboration on ideas for funding. This funding is crucial to meet the specific needs of youth experiencing homelessness. By having these two important state groups team up, we can find better ways to get help where it's needed most.

Second, the Act also changes the list of people who can get certain housing help. This update helps make sure that more young people who are struggling can access the funds available through the Emergency Housing Account. This is a vital change that expands support to those who often fall through the cracks.

Lastly, and very importantly, HB 3970 starts new grant programs specifically for youth experiencing homelessness. These programs will give direct support and resources to young people who need it most. It's a way to provide them with the stability and hope they need to build a better future. In Lane County we are at risk of cutting the number of beds and housing in half if this doesn't pass, and with the recent Point In Time Count, we see a ever growing need for homeless youth services and housing.

Young people facing homelessness are incredibly vulnerable. They often lack the support systems that adults might have, making it even harder for them to find safety, finish school, or get a job. This bill gives them a chance to break free from the cycle of homelessness.

By supporting HB 3970, you are investing in the future of our youth and our communities. You are giving young people the chance to find safe housing, get an education, and become productive members of society.

Thank you for considering my request and for your commitment to the well-being of all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

Austin Fölnagy
Founder of Magyar Property Management LLC