



Coos-Curry/North Bend City
Housing Authority

Linn Benton Housing Authority

Home Forward (Multnomah County)

Homes for Good (Lane County)

Housing Authority of Clackamas County

Housing Authority of Douglas County

Housing Authority of Jackson County

Housing Authority of Lincoln County

Housing Authority of Malheur County

Housing Authority of the County of Umatilla

Housing Authority of Washington County

Housing Authority of Yamhill County

Housing Works (Central Oregon)

Josephine Housing & Community
Development Council

Klamath County Housing Authority

Linn Benton Housing Authority

Marion County Housing Authority

Mid-Columbia Housing Authority

Northeast Oregon Housing Authority

Northwest Oregon Housing Authority

Salem Housing Authority

Vancouver Housing Authority

West Valley Housing Authority

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Housing Authorities of Oregon

To: Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson and members of the House Committee on Rules:

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

We write to express our support for HB 3414 with the -6 amendments, which will do two critically important things to increase development of needed affordable housing in our state.

First, Section 2 establishes a standard that variances should be granted unless doing so would compromise the health or safety of the community. Too often affordable housing projects are denied, or their impact is reduced by inflexible codes.

Second, Section 3 creates the Housing Accountability and Production Office (HAPO) housed jointly between the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS). The proposed HAPO would provide a resource to housing developers and would also hold local governments accountable to existing housing production laws.

We urge your support of HB 3414.

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