



## Support HB 2096A

### Agricultural Workforce Housing Tax Credit Increase & Programmatic Updates

**BACKGROUND:** The Agricultural Workforce Housing Tax Credit (AWHTC), provides support for the construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of housing for agricultural workers and their immediate families. The tax credit, used by hundreds of agricultural workforce employers in Oregon, allows them to continue increasing and improving their housing options for employees.



#### HOW THE AWHTC PROGRAM WORKS:

- Tax credit may be taken for up to 50% of the eligible costs for housing development
- Eligible housing must comply with all occupational safety and health laws, rules, regulations, and standards
- Keeps employers utilizing the credit accountable by requiring annual certification forms to be submitted

#### HB 2096A EXPANDS THE PROGRAM AND MAKES CRITICAL IMPROVEMENTS:

- Allows the Housing and Community Service Department to streamline their work by allocating the tax credits each biennium instead of yearly
- **Increases the tax credit amount by \$9.5M per biennium.** The increase will allow agricultural employers to build additional housing or make upgrades to existing structures

#### Why expand the Agricultural Workforce Housing Tax Credit?

- ✓ Farmworkers benefit by having safe and affordable housing
- ✓ Employers benefit by having a stably housed workforce
- ✓ The credit incentivizes improved living conditions of farmworkers
- ✓ Registration is required to access and maintain the credit – ensuring housing standards are met

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