

<b>Date:</b>	<b>March 5, 2025</b>
<b>To:</b>	Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, Members of the Housing and Homelessness Committee
<b>From:</b>	Association of Oregon Counties Legislative Affairs Manager Tim Dooley
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Support HB 2906</b>

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2906. For the record, I am Tim Dooley, testifying on behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC).

The Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) is a non-partisan member organization that advocates on issues that unite all county governing bodies and have an impact on county functions, governance, budgets, and services.

AOC is pleased to support HB 2906. Counties, through their veteran service officers, connect our veterans to services offered by ODVA and the federal Veterans Administration. This task force on veteran housing strategies is needed when Oregon's number of veterans who are homeless remains persistently high. Developing a statewide strategy is a first step in solving this problem.

Counties would ask that one position on the task force be reserved for a representative of counties to ensure that the local expertise in veteran outreach, service delivery, and housing is represented in this endeavor.

Thank you for your time.

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