



February 27, 2025

Attn: Representative Pam Marsh, Chair
Oregon House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St. NE, H-474
Salem, Oregon 97301

To Chair Marsh and members of the Oregon House Committee on Housing & Homelessness,

Re: Support for HB 3031-1

On behalf of Hayden Homes, I am writing in support of HB 3031, as amended under “-1”.

Infrastructure investments and improvements remain one of Oregon’s greatest barriers to housing production. Our state’s rural and small cities are particularly burdened by the current lack of infrastructure required to build housing at the scale necessary to alleviate our affordability crisis. For Oregon cities of all sizes to produce the number of new homes identified in the December 2024 OHNA, we need a robust housing infrastructure financing program like the one outlined in HB 3031-1. These grants and forgivable loans would help fund public-private partnerships that could build much-needed affordable *and* moderate-income housing.

We appreciate the amendment’s inclusion of “moderate income” projects, as this would allow infrastructure projects to serve the workforce who earn 80% to 120% AMI. HB 3031-1’s eligibility requirements would ensure the state’s infrastructure investments will impact the largest possible number of cities’ inhabitants.

Hayden Homes supports HB 3031-1, and we urge your Committee to do the same.

Sincerely,

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