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### **Rep. Bowman and Sen. Woods Deliver Investments in Local Infrastructure to Boost Housing Production**

*\$1.5 million goes to the City of Tigard for much-needed sewer and stormwater infrastructure to create 64 new affordable housing units*

**SALEM, Ore.** - Yesterday the Oregon House of Representatives passed [Senate Bill 1530](#), one of two bills included in the Emergency Housing Stability and Production Package passed this legislative session to increase housing production in Oregon. A key component of the bill included infrastructure projects throughout Oregon and the region Rep. Ben Bowman (D-Tigard) represents, specifically.

“The City of Tigard is one of Oregon’s leading cities when it comes to innovative solutions to our housing crisis,” said **Rep. Ben Bowman (D-Tigard)**, who voted yes on the bill.

“These investments will empower Tigard to build housing that working people can afford to live in.”

SB 1530 appropriates approximately \$1.5 million to the City of Tigard for much-needed sewer and stormwater infrastructure specific to a housing development. Tigard plans to use the funding to support their long standing partner, Community Partners for Affordable Housing. These significant financial investments will relieve the burden of unexpected infrastructure costs in building 63 units at Woodland Hearth affordable housing project.

“The investments in this bill will help us build thousands of housing units across the state,” said **Sen. Aaron Woods (D-Wilsonville)**, who co-carried the bill on the Senate floor.

“While we have more work to do, this is a critical step forward.”

Leaders from the City of Tigard applauded the new investments. “Infrastructure costs can be a significant barrier to new housing construction,” said **Tigard Mayor Heidi Lueb**. “We appreciate these infrastructure investments and look forward to building more affordable housing in Tigard.”



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SB 1530 allocates \$100 million in infrastructure investments all across Oregon specifically supporting residential housing development in communities across the state. The bill passed both chambers in Oregon's legislature with overwhelmingly bipartisan support and now moves to Governor Kotek's desk for final approval.

The Emergency Housing Stability and Production Package addresses Oregon's housing crisis by providing hundreds of millions of dollars to help agencies and local governments build residential infrastructure, including sewer, utility, and site acquisition costs. With 95 percent of the current housing underproduction impacting people with moderate and lower incomes, Oregonians are suffering from a lack of affordable housing. This is an exciting step towards remedying the detrimental consequences of our housing shortage.

To learn more about other facets of the package passed by the legislature, visit [oregonlegislature.gov/housedemocrats](https://oregonlegislature.gov/housedemocrats).

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