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Representative Elmer Applauds House Passage of Priority Legislation “Housing Oregon’s Workforce” – House Bill 4134

SALEM, OR – Today, Representative Lucetta Elmer (R-McMinnville) released the following statement after the House passage of [House Bill 4134B](#) or “Housing Oregon’s Workforce” on Tuesday – one of her two priority bills for the 2024 Legislative Session.

This bipartisan legislation, co-chief sponsored by House Republican Leader Jeff Helfrich (R-Hood River) and Representative David Gomberg (D-Otis), will provide 585 new units of housing across the communities of McMinnville, Toledo, Burns, and Amity.

“I am thrilled to see this commonsense legislation pass the House. This bill directly funds desperately needed, shovel-ready infrastructure projects to house our workforce in several rural communities, including McMinnville and Amity in House District 24,” **said Representative Elmer (R-McMinnville)**. “While this bill is a great start, I am committed to continuing to work on this issue going into 2025. It is my hope that this bill will create a model for how we support Oregon’s workforce and mid-sized cities that can be replicated in the future.”

“Building homes takes more than just putting up walls and a roof,” **said House Republican Leader Helfrich (R-Hood River)**. “House Bill 4134 is a good step at expanding infrastructure so we can continue to make homeownership a reality for Oregon families.”

“Investing in infrastructure is absolutely critical if we’re going to address our current housing production shortfall,” **said Representative Gomberg (D-Otis)**. “This funding will be transformative for the communities it will impact.”

To qualify for this public-private partnership funding, cities had to show they had shovel-ready infrastructure and housing ready for development, within the city’s current UGB, that could be completed within 60 months of receiving a direct allocation from the state. Additionally, local developers in each area had to confirm the affordability would pencil for them: 30% of the completed housing units must be available for sale or rent at 130% or less AMI.

This legislation is supported by The League of Women Voters, The City of McMinnville, The City of Burns, 1,000 Friends of Oregon, Henderson House, Golden Valley Brewery, The McMinnville Economic Development Partnership, Community Home Builders, and The City of Amity.

[House Bill 4134B](#) passed the House with a final vote of 54-2. The bill will now be referred to the Senate for a vote.

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