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Oregon's Housing Budget Steps Up for Families

Legislators advance investments that build on past efforts to reduce homelessness and expand affordable housing options

SALEM, Ore. – As state and local governments continue to work toward solving Oregon's housing crisis, the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development today advanced an ambitious plan to expand affordable housing, reduce homelessness, and protect vulnerable families.

Building on an historic investment in the 2023-2025 Housing Affordability and Supply Budget framework, the Oregon Housing and Community Services budget ([House Bill 5011](#)) continues the progress made over the past five years by investing in more affordable housing, reducing homelessness, and making sure more Oregonians have a safe and stable place to live.

“Now, more than ever, it’s critical that we continue to prioritize the resources we’ll need to help get folks off the street and into stable housing,” said **Rep. David Gomberg (D-Otis)**, co-chair of the Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development. “We’ve got a budget that reflects that priority and reaffirms that stable housing is the cornerstone of health, opportunity, and resilience.”

The 2025-27 proposal was shaped through consultation with local governments, service providers, and community stakeholders across Oregon. Informed by public feedback and on-the-ground data, the budget focuses on strategic, high-impact investments:

- **\$204.9 million to support homeless and emergency shelters** across Oregon;
- **\$50.3 million to help households move from homelessness to permanent, stable, safe housing;**
- **\$87.4 million for long-term rental assistance**, providing up to 24 months of support to help families stay housed;
- **\$33.6 million to fund eviction prevention services**, helping keep Oregonians safely in their homes;
- **\$10 million to support housing initiatives** led by Oregon’s nine federally recognized Native American tribes.

This budget also gives OHCS the tools to keep helping families rebuild after disasters, complete affordable housing projects already in progress, and bring in new resources to strengthen communities across Oregon.

“This budget should serve as a clear sign to all Oregonians that housing remains a statewide priority, even amid federal uncertainty and economic strain,” said **Sen. Mark Meek (D-Gladstone)**, co-chair of the Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development. “We’ve made real progress, but we know that we must continue building on the work we've done until we solve this crisis.”

HB 5011 now moves to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for final committee approval before consideration on the House and Senate floors.

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