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THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING & EMERGENCY HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE PACKAGE

HB 2001 & HB 5019

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Oregonians are clear that affordable housing and homelessness must be our most urgent priorities. We are responding with bold and quick action to solve these problems in the short and long term.

The Affordable Housing and Emergency Response package **is a \$200 million investment in Oregonians** and the result of Democrats and Republicans coming together to deliver meaningful results.

PREVENTS MORE PEOPLE FROM BECOMING HOMELESS AND HELPS SHELTER PEOPLE CURRENTLY LIVING ON THE STREETS

FUNDS THE GOVERNOR'S HOMELESSNESS STATE OF EMERGENCY

MAKES BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING OUR #1 PRIORITY

WHAT THIS INVESTMENT DOES

BUILDS MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING Made in Oregon, for Oregonians, by Oregonians

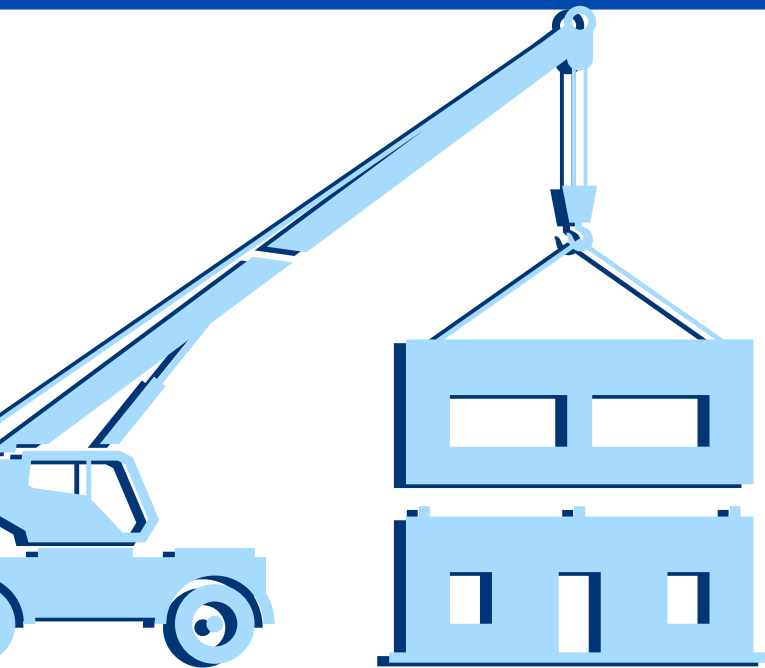
Now, building affordable housing will be our **#1 priority.**

The housing shortage is pricing families out of their homes and driving up housing costs. Working Oregonians shouldn't have to worry about if they can afford housing. We're changing that.

Building the housing we need, where it is needed at a price people can afford will be our top priority. The Oregon Housing Needs Analysis will help cities focus their housing production priorities and then the state will work in partnership to help make sure local partners use the most effective strategies and tools available to them to boost production of safe, accessible, and affordable housing for all Oregonians



Affordable modular homes are one way we can **speed up production.**



Our plan invests \$20 million in the production of affordable modular homes using Oregon mass timber and other conventional materials to support our state's homegrown industries and create good paying family wage jobs.

Producing modular housing in-state is a sustainable approach with multiple benefits, including the acceleration of housing supply, consistent production, disaster response capability and local economic and workforce benefits.

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Innovative financing models will help **expand workforce housing** for middle-income Oregonians.



The Revolving Loan Fund (\$3 million) supports local governments and developers in building affordable housing for middle class and working families, like teachers, construction and health care workers, and other family wage jobs.

The loan fund will help with predevelopment costs to empower developers to get projects started and improve the timelines between projects by providing resources like permitting, System Development Charges (SDC), and other related costs up front.

Improving on-site workforce housing for farmworkers will improve safety conditions and help Oregon's farmers.



Responding to the needs of Oregon's agricultural producers, the proposed package provides grants (\$5 million) for farmers to improve the health and safety conditions of existing on-site housing for farmworkers.

To qualify, housing must be registered as a farm worker camp with the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS). Housing must be for agricultural workers, including workers who are retired or disabled, and their immediate families. The housing also must be in compliance with Oregon Occupational Safety and Health (Oregon OSHA) and DCBS guidelines.

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EMERGENCY HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE

Responding to and preventing homelessness across every corner of the state.

By funding the Governor's emergency homelessness response declaration, **we can respond more efficiently.**

This \$130 million investment funds the Governor's emergency declaration and allows state agencies to unleash an urgent and coordinated response to address homelessness.

These investments allow the executive branch to work closely with local governments and service providers to get Oregonians into housing or shelter, connect them to critical support services, and quickly put people on the path out of homelessness.



Rural counties will receive additional funds so that our response reaches every corner of the state.



The homelessness crisis is impacting every corner of the state. Our plan invests \$27 million in the Rural Oregon Continuum of Care so that the response on the ground reaches rural and coastal Oregon. This way, we can get resources out the door fast and flexibly and help rural and coastal communities.

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By **preventing evictions**, we can keep families housed prevent more people from becoming homeless.



Being evicted can have devastating effects, driving families and youth into a cycle of homelessness. Our plan provides renters faced with eviction for non-payment with more time to access Rental Assistance and other services that will help them stay in their homes.

A compromise between tenant advocates and landlords, the amended bill lengthens the eviction timeline to 10 days and includes a right of redemption.

Youth experiencing homelessness will be provided with **critical support**.

Youth homelessness is the number one predictor of adult homelessness. Our plan invests \$25 million in critical support to some of Oregon's most vulnerable youth and families, connecting them with rental assistance, shelter facilities, outreach, culturally-specific services, mental health or substance abuse services, other transitional options, and more.

