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### **House Republicans Vote For Alternative Affordable Housing Legislation** *Minority Report Would Have Clarified Landlord-Tenant Regulations, Provided Tax Relief & Incentivized New Development*

**Salem, OR** - House Republicans today voted to support a minority report to HB 4143 that would have eased and clarified landlord-tenant regulations and incentivized the development of new housing units. The minority report, or substitute bill, included provisions making it easier for nonprofit and third party organizations to develop housing units, as well several tax reform concepts targeted at providing financial relief for seniors and military veterans, among other changes.

"Access to affordable housing is an issue important to Oregonians all across our state," said Rep. Carl Wilson (R-Grants Pass), who presented the minority report. "The minority report would have provided relief for working families and Oregonians struggling to keep up with the cost of housing by reducing the financial burden of owning a home, establishing incentives for the development of new housing, and providing clarity and certainty in landlord-tenant regulations. I'm disappointed that these concepts will not be included in the main bill."

In total, the Republican minority report consisted of six amendments introduced during the committee process. Specific provisions included:

- Creating a land use exemption allowing churches and charitable organizations to develop rental properties on property owned by the organization for humanitarian purposes.
- Providing property tax relief for low-income seniors.
- Capping housing development permit and process fees in communities where a local government adopts an ordinance or resolution declaring a housing emergency.
- Allowing counties to develop flexible homestead exemption programs for disabled veterans, providing financial relief for service members and their families.
- Exempting incapacitated landlords from 90-day eviction notice requirement set forth in HB 4143.
- Prohibiting local governments from instituting rent increase or termination notice requirements that exceed notice periods set by statute.

The Republican minority report to HB 4143 was rejected by a vote of (24-35).

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