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**HOUSE REPUBLICANS PUSH TO HELP FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS
AND INCREASE HOUSING SUPPLY**

Salem, Ore. – Today, House Republicans announced legislation to help first-time homebuyers and increase the supply of homes for Oregon families.

“Governor Kotek’s proposal to increase taxpayer-funded government housing is costing taxpayers billions. The reality is families cannot afford to buy a home. Excessive red tape is making it difficult for builders to invest in our communities and build new homes Oregonians want to raise their families in,” said **House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby)**. “House Republicans are pursuing policies that get government out of the way and eliminate heavy-handed regulations that are keeping families from buying a home.”

Oregon was recently found to be the [5th least affordable state](#) for homebuyers, according to the National Association of Realtors. After decades of failing to keep up with demand, Oregon needs to add [500,000 housing units](#) over the next two decades to address the current crisis, according to the 2024 OCHS ‘State of the State’s Housing’ report, but progress has been slow. In 2024, Oregon was issued only about [14,000 permits](#), according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the same number of permits as Massachusetts, a state with nearly half the population. Governor Kotek remains woefully behind on her housing construction and development goals of 36,000 new homes per year.

“In response to Oregon’s housing crisis, House Republicans are leading the way to provide new programs for home ownership,” said **Rep. Vikki Breese Iverson (R-Prineville)**, vice-chair of the House Committee on Housing. “Republicans have broken down and reviewed every aspect and process of what it takes to build a home in Oregon. We have identified specific pinch points, including regulations, which we can eliminate to make a real difference in building more homes.”

“I’m grateful to be working with **Rep. Darcey Edwards, Rep. Jeff Helfrich, Rep. Cyrus Javadi, and Rep. Kevin Mannix** to accomplish Republican priorities in housing that will make homeownership a reality for Oregon families,” concluded Rep. Breese Iverson.

Legislation to increase homeownership and housing supply includes:

[HB 3188](#) – Reducing mortgage payments for first-time homebuyers

[HB 2316](#) – Designating unused state lands to build housing for first-time homebuyers

[SB 974](#) – Limits permitting wait times to build a single-family home

[HB 2400](#) & [HB 3757](#) – Gives rural homeowners flexibility to build homes on their land

[HB 3759](#) – Creates grants for the development of moderate income housing, paid to cover or offset permitting fees and charges

[HB 3758](#) – Increase the land supply to build more housing

[HB 2257](#) – Infrastructure grants to build more homes in coastal communities

[HB 3639](#) – Delays SDC development charges until after the home is built

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