



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 15, 2023

Chief Clerk Tim Sekerak
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation HB 2001B

HB 2001B is a complex bill with several components. As such, there are some portions of the bill I agree with:

- ◆ Pre-development grants for municipalities to help expand infrastructure,
- ◆ Funding for agriculture-workforce housing,
- ◆ Adding the 8th Continuum, which includes 26 additional counties, making more of Oregon available for funding.

However, there are sections I disagree with:

- ◆ The Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (OHNA) findings will not be actionable by the legislature for several years (meaning towards the end of this decade),
- ◆ The bill provides great protection for tenants, at the expense of landlords. We should not treat landlords poorly simply because they oversee a property.
- ◆ The state continues to follow a Housing First policy which:
 - 1) Doesn't work (relies on skewed data) and
 - 2) Continues to fund non-profits for a policy that does not benefit communities, including our homeless population,
- ◆ Modular Housing provision excludes manufactured housing — one of the most cost-effective ways to build and deploy affordable housing.

In total, there were too many concerns to get me to support the HB 2001B on the House Floor, and therefore I voted NO.

Sincerely,

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The Crater Lake District