



# 2024 Legislative Housing Wrap-Up

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# House Bill 4063

## Omnibus Housing Bill

- Requires counties in the Metro region to develop housing production strategies for the urban unincorporated area within Metro.
  - Requires the Department of Land Conservation and Development to seek funds from the legislature to support county work.
  - Costs to the county are unknown but will largely relate to land division for middle housing units.
- Allows applicants for permits, limited land use decisions, and zone changes for the development of housing to request their applications be reviewed using standards and criteria that became operative while their application is pending.
- Removes the prohibition of homebuyer “love” letters from the current statute.



# Senate Bill 1530/House Bill 4128

## Housing Investment Package

- \$122 Million to Oregon Housing and Community Services
  - \$65 million for emergency shelters;
  - \$40 million for Eviction Diversion and Prevention and Eviction Prevention Rapid Response programs and services administered by culturally responsive organizations;
  - \$10 million for affordable housing land acquisition;
  - \$5 million for individual development accounts;
  - \$2 million to support residents whose housing is being withdrawn from publicly supported housing, or is within a manufactured dwelling park being sold or closed.
- \$90 million to the Oregon Business Development Department to investment in water-related infrastructure to support housing production.
  - Requires OBDD to distribute the funds to specific cities and entities.
- \$30 Million to Department of Administrative Services for affordable housing development.
- \$29 Million to OHA for recovery housing and other home improvements for low income households.



# Senate Bill 1537

## “The Governor’s Housing Bill”

- Creates the Housing Accountability and Production Office (HAPO)
- Provides the ability for cities to pass a one-time Urban Growth Boundary expansion for housing purposes.
  - *To qualify, cities must not have used UBG expansion in the past 20 years;*
  - *Cities in Metro can annex up to 300 net acres across the entire region;*
  - *Cities outside of Metro with less than 25,000 residents may annex 50 net acres and greater than 25,000 may add up to 100 net acres.*
  - *Sunsets on Jan. 2, 2033.*
- Allocated funds for infrastructure planning and local grant programs to offset infrastructure costs for developers.
- Most pieces of the package will not have an immediate impact on the County or its work, but some portions will potentially impact land use planning and transportation.



Questions?





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# Strategic Framework





# Vision

We envision a Washington County where everyone has an affordable home with the supports and opportunities they need to thrive.

# → Equity Statement

To achieve our vision of a community where everyone has an affordable home with the supports and opportunities they need to thrive, we must work to advance racial equity. Communities of color have been systematically excluded from opportunities to own property, achieve financial security and create generational wealth through centuries of racist and unjust policies and practices. Washington County residents also face barriers to housing because of other characteristics such as immigration status, disability and age. Eliminating these disparities requires that we address barriers that create inequities in housing opportunity while prioritizing services to populations disproportionately impacted by these disparities. We will deploy intentional strategies to advance racial equity while working to increase access to housing opportunities for all who face barriers to housing in our community.



# Mission

***Option A:*** Washington County Department of Housing Services advances equitable access to housing stability and promotes community vitality through a diversity of affordable housing solutions and supportive services.

***Option B:*** Washington County Department of Housing Services provides a diversity of affordable housing solutions and supportive services to advance equity and build community strength.

# → Values

- **Equity:** We center racial equity and promote equitable access for all to an array of housing opportunities.
- **Responsiveness:** We are committed to meeting the diverse needs of the community we serve and adapting in response to changing conditions.
- **Collaboration:** We work in partnership with the people we serve, other public agencies, non-profit organizations, private businesses and our neighbors.
- **Accountability:** We believe in transparency and being good stewards of public resources.
- **Sustained impact:** We take the long view through a commitment to deliberate, strategic and holistically sustainable approaches.