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# Please support HB 2436 Housing Opportunity Bill

## Questions and Answers about the Fee

**HB 2436 will provide an ongoing source of funds to existing, underfunded programs to meet critical housing needs across Oregon.**

- ◆ Oregonians are overwhelmed by unaffordable housing costs. Calls for emergency housing assistance have been shutting down phone systems at community resource centers, numbers of homeless families and individuals are rising, and food banks report that unaffordable housing is a primary reason people say they need emergency food.

### What fee is affected?

- ◆ The existing state fee on recording the first page of real estate documents would be increased from \$11 to \$26. Total fees on the first page of a typical document would be \$41.

**Is this an unreasonable burden on county clerks? Why won't they get a percentage of this new fee?**

- ◆ **NO.** We believe that clerks will have minimal work to do to collect this increased fee. The existing \$11 fee will increase on all but a few types of documents. The additional funds will be held at the county and transferred quarterly to the Department of Revenue in one lump sum. The DOR will then divide the funds and deposit them into the appropriate Housing and Community Services Account.
- ◆ **NO,** clerks charge other fees on document recording that compensate their costs. This includes a \$5 PER PAGE charge on all documents, charged by all counties, that is paid to the County General Fund. Of the \$46 charged on a two-page document, \$19.60 goes to the clerks and county.

### Are county clerks underfunded? Do counties need more revenue?

- ◆ Of course, but HB 2436 is not the solution to that problem. Counties across Oregon are struggling to make ends meet. Counties across Oregon are also struggling to meet the housing needs in their communities, and lack state resources that will help them do that.

### Where does the new revenue go?

HB 2436 will support county efforts to end homelessness, build rental housing for special needs and vulnerable populations, and help hardworking Oregonians access homeownership options and build a future for themselves and their families. HB 2436 will create housing opportunity throughout Oregon — it's a good idea!

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### **Where does the money go?**

- ◆ The money will go to Housing and Community Services to pay for housing for low income Oregonians. This will include people with disabilities, people facing homelessness, senior citizens living on a fixed income, and other hardworking and deserving Oregonians.
- ◆ Housing and Community Services will keep its costs to administer these funds at a minimum by using existing programs to meet Oregon's housing needs.

### **Is this an "unfunded mandate"?**

- ◆ **NO.** By definition this is not an unfunded mandate, because it will pass by a 3/5ths majority. And, the total level of impact is too low to trigger the unfunded mandate threshold in any event.

### **Housing Relief is Key for Oregonians in Need**

An affordable place to call home gives Oregon families the stability and comfort necessary to weather these tough economic times. HB 2436 would direct funds to emergency rent assistance programs that help keep families in their homes, as well as funding new affordable housing that matches the budgets of Oregonians earning low wages and on fixed incomes.

