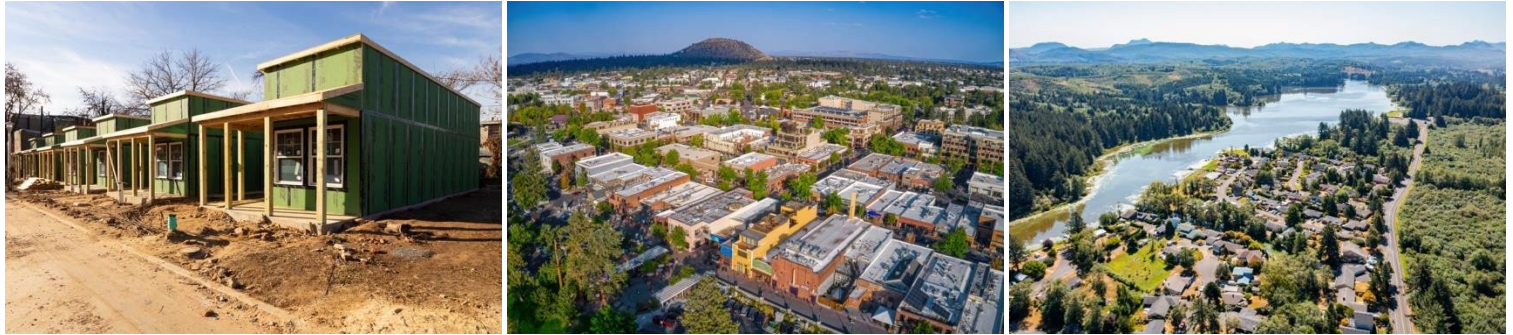


Evaluation of State Policies and Programs on Housing Production

The Housing Accountability and Production Office (HAPO) is sponsoring a project mandated by Oregon Senate Bill (SB) 1537 to identify opportunities to **reduce state-level barriers to more housing** and strategically maximize the use of agency resources and programs to increase housing production. This study seeks to identify opportunities for streamlining **processes and procedures** and deploying state resources in ways that demonstrably **increase housing production**.



The agencies involved in this project manage policies and programs relating to **land supply and availability, housing financing programs, infrastructure, development requirements, and permitting**. Those agencies include the following:

- Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development
- Oregon Department of Consumer & Business Services, Building Codes Division
- Oregon Housing & Community Services
- Oregon Business Development Department (Business Oregon)
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- Oregon Department of Transportation
- Oregon Department of State Lands
- Oregon Parks & Recreation Department State Historic Preservation Office
- Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services
- Regional Solutions

Through careful evaluation of the agency plans, policies, programs, and practices along with the consideration of input from interested parties, HAPO will submit a comprehensive set of recommendations to the Legislature no later than September 2026.

Housing Accountability and Production Office (HAPO)

Established in 2024 under SB 1537, HAPO is jointly administered by the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) Building Codes Division to address Oregon's diverse housing needs. HAPO works to:

- Ensure compliance with state housing laws
- Support navigation of state resources, processes, and information
- Improve housing production through research and guidance
- Facilitate interagency coordination to boost housing production



Building on Past and Present Work

This evaluation project builds upon past and present work. For instance, in 2023, Governor Kotek called upon a diverse group of legislators, tribal representatives, agency leaders, developers, development consultants, and affordable housing providers to develop a plan with actions, policies and investments that would meet the goal of producing 36,000 homes per year. Known as the Housing Production Advisory Council (HPAC), this group produced a [final report in February 2024](#).

Similarly, under the Governor's leadership, HAPO and several agencies are currently launching a new initiative to coordinate efforts to boost housing production. Known as the State Housing Interagency Partnership (SHIP), this framework will build on the HPAC report and related studies, along with additional analysis, to implement a work plan of specific actions designed to meet Oregon's housing crisis.

How will this work be completed?

HAPO is partnering with the Institute for Policy Research and Engagement (IPRE) at the University of Oregon to support research activities for this project. Key research tasks include:

- **Background research** related to barriers and opportunities related to housing production in Oregon.
- **Systematic inventory** of the plans, policies, programs, procedures, practices, funding and resources of state agencies that impact housing production.
- **An online survey** to gather perspectives on barriers and agency effectiveness from interested parties.
- **Focus group discussions and interviews** with interested parties and state agencies to gain deeper insights and explore the nuances of programs and policy implementation related to housing.
- **Program and policy analysis** of state agency activities identified as having a significant impact on housing production.

The project team will engage with a diversity of interested parties to hear multiple perspectives related to housing development. These groups include, but are not limited to, state agency leadership and staff, local government and special district staff, private sector housing developers and consultants, public and nonprofit housing developers and organizations, and advocacy organizations.



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Key Deliverables

The primary deliverable of this study is a comprehensive report summarizing the findings, analysis, and recommendations of the research. The report will identify actionable recommendations for state agencies to reduce barriers to housing and maximize the use of state resources to enhance production.

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