

House Bill 2003: Requiring Cities to Update Housing Needs Studies and Create Housing Production Strategies

In 2019, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2003, a law to make sure communities meet the diverse housing needs of Oregonians. The law requires Oregon's medium and large cities to study the future housing needs of their residents and to develop strategies to make sure the housing needed is produced.

Exploring Housing Needs, Developing Production Strategies

Oregon cities have long had to study their community's future housing needs when proposing to expand their urban growth boundary. House Bill 2003 requires cities over 10,000 people to **analyze what housing is needed for current and future residents** every six to eight years.

The bill then requires each city to adopt a **housing production strategy** within a year of completing the analysis. The strategy must list specific actions the city will take to promote the development of all identified housing needs – such as revising regulations or providing financial incentives.

The bill also directs the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department to conduct a pilot project to calculate **housing needs for the next 20 years in each region**, for all income levels. The Department of Land Conservation and Development must then report to the legislature on the method's effectiveness.

Rules, Technical Assistance Forthcoming

The bill requires the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to conduct rulemaking on how housing needs analyses and production strategies shall be done, and timelines for completion.

The bill funds DLCD to provide technical assistance to cities working to complete their required housing needs analysis and production strategies.

Allows Affordable Housing on Public Lands and in Conjunction with Places of Worship

The bill also authorizes cities to allow affordable housing to be built on public land inside urban growth boundaries, and allows multiple buildings for affordable housing to be built next to places of worship.

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Read the bill: olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2003

More details: www.oregon.gov/lcd/UP/Pages/Housing-Needs.aspx

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