

From the desk of Rep. Buehler:



**Safe & Stable Housing for Oregon  
Increase the document recording fee**

*We urge the Oregon Legislature pass HB 4007,  
and increase the document recording fee for affordable housing.*

All Oregonians need a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home. Today, we simply don't have enough affordable homes for people who need them, and people in our communities are struggling with homelessness and housing instability, and struggling with whether to pay their rent or buy their medicine.

**We know that housing and health are integrally linked. Without a safe place to call home, people cannot recover from illness, manage their care, or rest and heal. As providers of health care, we know that having a stable and affordable place to call home is foundational.**

The document recording fee is an important source of revenue for affordable housing:

- 10% of the resources go to the Emergency Housing Account;
- 14% of the resources go to the Home Ownership Assistance Program; and
- 76% of the resources go to the General Housing Account Program.

In 2013, the Legislature passed HB 2417, which added an additional \$5 to the document recording fee and dedicated 25% of each account to serve veterans.

With strong investments in affordable housing, we can help our residents address their health needs. Investing in the basics – a safe, stable, affordable home for Oregonians with low incomes – have positive ripple effects across our state. When people have safe and stable housing, it has important and significant benefits for our kids, our seniors, and our communities.

