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Chair Helm,  
Vice Chairs Leif and Reardon  
And the Members of the House Water Committee

**AOC urges your support of HB 4070.**

A failed septic system is often expensive to repair and can be out of the financial reach of low-income families. Repairing a failed septic system or connecting to sewer lines can cost \$20,000.

For a very low-income family, an opportunity to use a Clean Water deferred or no-interest loan to repair the system can make the difference between staying in their home or becoming homeless.

Twenty-seven of Oregon's 36 counties use this program to help keep families in their homes, promote a clean water supply, provide business to local contractors and reduce threats to public health.

We salute Craft 3 in designing and administering a program that is responsive, accessible, well managed, and has proven its worth again and again across the diversity of Oregon's landscape.

We salute the Oregon Legislature's commitment to this program and urge you to support the \$2 million funding request so that the program can continue to make a difference to very low-income homeowners.

Sincerely,

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