

# FAIR SHOT 2023 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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SHOT  
FOR ALL

## STABLE HOMES FOR OREGON FAMILIES

We are facing an unprecedented crisis as rental assistance sunsets, rents continue to rise, and evictions lead to homelessness throughout the state. It's time to do better.

Everyone deserves a safe place to call home. The well-being of our neighbors and our communities depend on whether this basic need is met. In Oregon, we have the opportunity to cast off the historic and systemic housing laws and policies designed to displace people who don't have the means to protect their homes and families.

14.6%

LEGALLY ALLOWED RENT INCREASE  
FOR 2023 FOR MOST RENTAL UNITS

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RANK OF HOMELESSNESS AS AN  
ISSUE FOR OREGONIANS +

16,448

OREGON COURT EVICTION  
CASES FILED BETWEEN JAN-  
NOV 2022 +

72

NUMBER OF HOURS RENTERS  
HAVE TO PAY RENT AFTER  
NOTICE

43%

INCREASE IN MONTHLY  
COURT EVICTIONS OVER  
PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS +

OREGON IS RANKED 5TH IN THE  
NATION FOR PEOPLE PER CAPITA  
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

### BIG PICTURE OVERVIEW

Together, we will keep people housed, save lives, reduce stress on families, and stabilize our workforce by addressing Oregon's housing crisis like our lives depend on it.



## ABOUT FAIR SHOT FOR ALL

Our work as a coalition is centered on ideas and input from those both historically and currently bearing the burden of Oregon's broken systems and the COVID-19 pandemic. Our ideas work for the state as a whole because they work for those of us who are most impacted.

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## A DEEPER LOOK

Without swift and meaningful action by state lawmakers, the number of unhoused Oregonians will increase in communities already grappling with humane responses to the housing crisis.

**2X** the rate Black Oregonian women face evictions compared to white renters <sup>3</sup>

**\$27/HR +** average needed to afford a two-bedroom (increased to \$33/hour in the Portland-metro area)—the average Oregon renter earns \$20/hour <sup>4</sup>

**76%** of Oregon employers report that the high cost and low supply of housing is hurting their ability to hire <sup>6</sup>

**23,765** of Oregon students experienced homelessness over the course of 2022. Homeless students are 27% less likely to graduate. <sup>7</sup>

**9%** increase in homelessness in areas with median \$100 rent increase <sup>8</sup>

<sup>\*</sup> Data pulled from Oregon Judicial Department records by attorneys at the Oregon Law Center

<sup>1</sup> Oregon Values and Beliefs Survey, Oct. 2022. <https://oregonvbc.org/direction-most-important-issue-and-common-ground/>

<sup>2</sup> USICH Oregon Homelessness Statistics: <https://www.usich.gov/homelessness-statistics/or/>

<sup>3</sup> ACLU Report: <https://www.aclu.org/news/racial-justice/clearing-the-record-how-eviction-sealing-laws-can-advance-housing-access-for-women-of-color>

<sup>4</sup> 2022 Oregon NLIHC Data: [https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/oor/Oregon\\_2022\\_OOR.pdf](https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/oor/Oregon_2022_OOR.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.oregon.gov/das/OEA/Documents/forecast0922.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> 2022 Oregon Talent Assessment: [https://www.oregon.gov/workforceboard/data-and-reports/Documents/2022%20Talent%20Assessment%20FINAL%2006-09-22.pdf?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.oregon.gov/workforceboard/data-and-reports/Documents/2022%20Talent%20Assessment%20FINAL%2006-09-22.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.opb.org/article/2021/05/13/oregon-school-districts-nonprofits-empower-youth-who-are-homeless/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://nlihc.org/resource/gao-report-congress-finds-increase-homelessness-likely-undercount-hud>

## OUR SOLUTION

People most impacted by our housing crisis, community leaders, nonprofit organizations, labor unions, and more have come together to determine the most meaningful ways that Oregon lawmakers can keep people housed.

**To prevent continued crisis, lawmakers must:**

- ✓ **Reform eviction process** to avoid preventable homelessness and suffering, using the lessons learned during the pandemic.
- ✓ **Stabilize our families and economy by ensuring rents do not rise more than a reasonable amount** annually, statewide. *Without amendment, the current law allows rent increases in most units of 14.6% in the coming year, and all units less than 15 years old have no limit on how high the rent can go.*
- ✓ **Ensure more accurate data** about Oregon's housing market through a rental registration program.
- ✓ **Fund effective rent assistance and navigation programs across the state** including community-based and culturally-specific programs.

**These policies are endorsed by:**



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