Like many other parts of the country, Oregon's rapid growth has resulted in significant housing affordability challenges. Combatting housing affordability issues in the state will require holistic solutions that address the needs of all Oregon residents.



Oregon has seen a sharp population increase, with 10.6% growth since 2010.



511,000 Oregonians call an apartment home, with demand on the rise.



75% of extremely lowincome renters spend more than half of their income on housing.



Between now and 2030, Oregon will need to build 4,073 new apartment homes each year to keep up with demand.



Legal Landscape

In February 2019, the governor of Oregon signed into law a measure implementing statewide rent control, allowing for an annual rent increase of 7% plus inflation. This represents a major departure from previous law, which preempted local municipalities from implementing rent control.

A MISGUIDED LAW

Rent control is an outdated concept. It benefits the very few—and not necessarily those in greatest need.

REJECT PRICE CONTROLS

Lawmakers should reject price controls and, instead, pursue alternatives such as voucher-based rental assistance for those in greatest need to better address housing affordability.