



## Representative Michael Dembrow

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### **House Passes Housing Opportunity Bill**

*Rep. Dembrow Speaks In Favor of Legislation*

(Salem) – The House today passed HB2436, the Housing Opportunity Bill, by a bipartisan vote of 44-15. The legislation provides aid to low-income families, seniors and people with disabilities by directing funds to multi-family rental housing, housing development, capacity building, ending homelessness and homeownership assistance to first-time homebuyers.

“This bill is a win-win for Oregon,” said Rep. Michael Dembrow (D- NE Portland), who spoke in favor of the bill on the House floor. “We can take some of the pressure off the housing crisis while creating good, family-wage jobs in one of the hardest hit sectors of the economy.”

Dembrow, who is an English instructor at Portland Community College, also spotlighted his first-hand knowledge of the importance of the legislation.

“I know that one of the greatest challenges that my students face, term after term, is finding affordable housing for themselves and their families,” said Dembrow. “One of the primary reasons that students fail in their courses or drop out of school entirely is that they have lost access to safe, secure, and stable housing.”

HB2436 will now move to the Senate, along with a package of three other affordable housing bills that passed the House this morning.

Dembrow represents House District 45, which includes NE Portland, Maywood Park and the Parkrose area. He sits on the House Committees on Health Care, Human Services, Education and Work Force Development.

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