

# THE NEED People with disabilities and older adults lack accessible, affordable housing

## Affordability

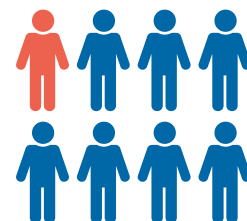
Many rely on Social Security or part-time jobs, earning less than 30% of Area Median Income (AMI). Deeply subsidized housing is often the only option. However, there are just 3 homes for every 10 extremely low-income households.

## Accessibility

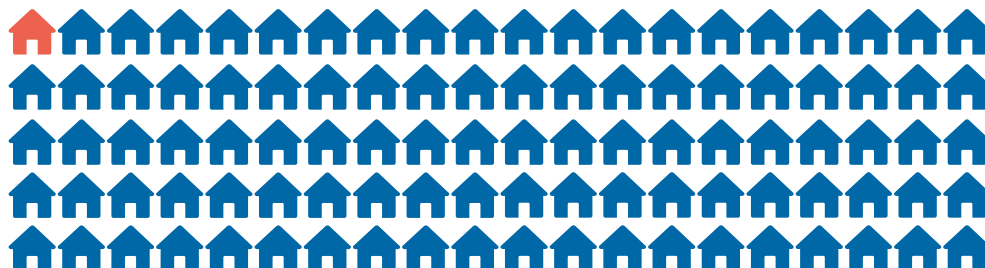
1 in 4 Americans has a disability.



1 in 8 Americans has difficulty walking.



But, only 1 in 100 apartments are estimated to be physically accessible.



## Discrimination

Over 60% of fair housing complaints are based on disability. Many are about reasonable accommodation or modification requests.

People with disabilities are often not prioritized for accessible units.

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## SB 444 seeks to address the severe unmet need for accessible housing in Oregon in three ways:

1. Require more units being built to meet the federal accessibility standard.
2. Require more units being built to meet the Type A accessibility standard.
3. Expand current design and construction requirements to include triplexes.

### State funding requirements

Requires that 10% of units in projects with 10 or more units that receive public funding to be accessible.

Currently, only 5% of units in a project being built with federal funding are required to be accessible.

### Building codes requirements

Requires that 10% of units in projects with 10 or more units be built to meet Type A accessibility standards, meaning they include features like U-shaped kitchens.

Currently, just 2% of units in buildings with 20 or more units are required to have accessibility features, like grab bars, to meet Oregon's structural specialty code.

### Fair Housing requirements

Expands the Fair Housing Act's design and construction requirements to include triplexes. Right now, the requirements only cover projects with four or more units.

**We can solve unmet accessible housing needs in Oregon by changing our state's laws.**