



# Portland Housing Bureau

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## Workplan

The workplan chart attached provides 4 options for members of the Commission to begin visualizing different options the RSC workplan can take. The options are meant to be read sequentially, each making a slight modification from the previous option.

I encourage each of you to spend some time reviewing the provided options. I'm also attaching an excel file that allows you to customize a 5<sup>th</sup> option that you could create to discuss with the group. If suggesting changes, please think through what a different workplan would look like for you, and bring an alternative proposal for the group.

## Discussion Items

**Data Needs** – The RSC will hear about existing data used by the Housing Bureau, as well as its limitations. As the conversation develops, it will consider needs for new data and interact with the conversation around rental unit registration. The RSC's role will be to advise on 1) identified data needs 2) instances where more data has been needed 3) priorities for new data.

**Rental Unit Registration** – The RSC will hear about the Housing Bureau's ongoing work to create a rental unit registration system. A registration system would create an inventory of all rental units in the Portland market, with basic information about the units. The RSC's role will be to advise policy questions around 1) program structure 2) implementation 3) uses for the data collected.

**Security Deposits** – The RSC will hear about the Housing Bureau's ongoing work to create a policy position on security deposit regulations. This could consider a city ordinance to regulate how security deposits are used in the rental market. The RSC's role will be to advise policy questions around 1) major challenges in current security deposit use 2) proposed security deposit regulations 3) potential impacts regulatory changes could have.

**Screening Criteria** – The RSC will hear about the Housing Bureau's ongoing work to create a policy position on screening criteria. This could consider a city ordinance to regulate how screening criteria is used in the rental market. The RSC's role will be to advise policy questions around 1) major challenges in current screening criteria use 2) proposed screening criteria regulations 3) potential impacts regulatory changes could have.

**Regional Coordination** – The RSC will hear about ongoing efforts to coordinate with regional partners in addressing challenges in the rental market. Recognizing the effects of the housing crisis are felt regionally, the RSC's role will be to advise 1) opportunities for regional coordination 2) priority areas for regional coordination.