

NAHB TOOLS



New Advocacy Tools from NAHB

In this issue, we are highlighting two new tools developed by NAHB and designed to boost HBA advocacy efforts. The first is a study that puts hard numbers to the cost of the industry's skilled labor shortage, and the second is an assessment to identify how to make your community more housing friendly.

A new study demonstrating the economic impact of the housing industry labor shortage, commissioned by HBI and conducted by the University of Denver, was released this summer. The study also utilized NAHB's analysis of the workforce challenge. Dr. Robert Dietz wrote that, "the skilled labor shortage's impact on the residential construction industry is a multibillion-dollar annual challenge that is responsible for the lost production of thousands of newly built homes." This study, along with

others published by NAHB, can be used to present concrete data to the public and elected officials, demonstrating the challenges faced by the residential construction industry.

[Read the full study.](#)

NAHB's state and local government affairs team has launched a Housing Favorability Assessment tool designed for local HBAs. The 20-question survey rates key elements of home building, such as infrastructure requirements and permit review wait times, and asks for a rating of how favorable they are to home building in a local environment. The survey is designed to find the strengths and weaknesses of a single locality, to help target advocacy and allow for comparison to other regions. [Learn more about the assessment.](#)

FEATURED NEWS



Fast-tracking Home Construction in Oregon

Oregon Governor Tina Kotek launched the Housing Accountability and Production Office (HAPO). [Read more.](#)

Delaware Coalition Releases Final Report on Housing Production

A large coalition, including the HBA of Delaware, released the report on how to increase the production of affordable rental units and homes in the state. [Read more.](#)

California Freezes Codes to Boost Building

California Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law a budget bill for the state with many pro-housing provisions, including a six-year pause on adopting or amending new home building codes. [Read more.](#)

Vermont Executive Order Addresses VBRA's Top Priorities

The executive order from Governor Phil Scott addresses energy code flexibility, wetlands streamlining, expedited permitting and fee relief. [Read more.](#)

Massachusetts Advocacy Efforts Place Development on the Fast Track

Governor Maura Healey released draft regulations that would speed up housing development in the state. [Read more.](#)