

Breann Preston

Bio

Breann has lived in four countries, five states, has a bachelor's degree double major in Economics, Experimental Psychology and a minor in Sociology from the University of South Carolina and holds a master's degree in Economic Development (Development Studies) from the University of Cambridge. She currently lives in Portland with her husband and small rescue dog.

Breann Preston is currently employed as the Economic Research Consultant at the Port of Portland. She supports the Trade and Economic Development Division as they work to increase economic inclusion and equity in the Greater Portland area. Her focus is on understanding the current economic conditions, barriers, and opportunities for future economic prosperity. She believes in the power of qualitative and quantitative data to support the creation of policy and programs that produce measurable positive impacts for diverse individuals and communities. Breann has written and researched multiple economic reports and supported the launch of a multi-jurisdiction smart region initiative.

Statement of Interest

I believe that every person deserves access to safe & affordable housing, and that no worker should be priced out of housing in the community they work. My professional life involves looking at the pay side of affordability through labor economics and economic development. I want to serve on this group because I believe my knowledge and expertise could support the mission of Home Forward.