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HB 2690: Lower Housing Development Costs

House Committee on Revenue

March 17, 2015

HB 2690

Chair Barnhart and members of the Committee,

The Housing Alliance is a coalition of more than fifty organizations from all parts of the state. Our members have come together with the knowledge that housing opportunity is the base on which all of our success is built – individual success as students, parents, workers, and community members as well as the success of our communities. We represent a diverse set of voices from residents to local jurisdictions to non-profit housing developers and organizations working to meet basic needs.

We ask your support for House Bill 2690, which will clarify ORS 307.130 to enable non-profit homeownership developers serving households earning up to 80% of the area median income to hold this property tax-free. This would free up approximately \$200,000 statewide annually to build and repair homes. If as a state we can support households at this income level on the path to homeownership, as the non-profits seeking to clarify this statute successfully do, we all benefit from the ripple effects of household prosperity.

Revising ORS 307.130 in the way specified in HB 2690 will remove barriers to land banking—a proven tool to increase housing availability. This change will also ensure that Habitat for Humanity and its affiliates will save funding that can be used to build homes that are tax-bearing properties, thereby increasing each county’s tax base in the long-term.

We know that when all our neighbors have the opportunity to build foundations for economic stability, our communities and state thrive. The Housing Alliance sees HB 2690 as a valuable tool to continue to support our families and our communities.



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On behalf of the Housing Alliance, I urge your prompt consideration and support of this proposal, which promises to benefit all Oregon communities. Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "O. Carrillo", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Omar Carrillo Tinajero
On Behalf of the Oregon Housing Alliance