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## HB 2564: Repeal Statewide Preemption on Inclusionary Zoning

House Human Services and Housing Committee  
February 23, 2015  
HB 2564

Chair Keny-Guyer 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 2564.

Inclusionary zoning is a tool in the toolbox for local communities to produce affordable housing units and should be available to Oregon. The communities in our state have limited resources and tools to address our growing affordable housing needs. The blanket ban has created a significant chilling effect on development efforts across communities aimed at creation of “inclusive” housing opportunities, especially in smaller jurisdictions with limited resources.

Inclusionary zoning policies have the potential to give families and individuals more choice about where they live, which schools their children attend, and how to commute to work. Such policies have been shown to help people with modest incomes remain close to family, friends, and services. Inclusionary zoning requires developers to set aside a percentage of units for rental or sale to low and moderate income families during the design and conception stage of projects. Inclusionary zoning policies therefore have the ability to harness the energy of the private market to help create affordable homes, and enable economic integration and social inclusion without unduly burdening private parties.

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,

Omar Carrillo Tinajero  
On Behalf of the Oregon Housing Alliance