

Oregon AFSCME Supports HB 2564

Oregon AFSCME represents employees at housing authorities across the state, from Klamath Falls to Portland. Many of these members are tasked with providing resources and assistance for working families who are looking for secure and safe housing within their communities. Throughout Oregon's history a plethora of strategies and programs have culminated in benefiting thousands of families with roofs over their heads and the stability it provides.

The present methods are successful because of the hard work by these employees and the tools they can work with. One such tool that would further the development of healthy communities consists of utilizing inclusionary zoning. In order to sustain Oregon's competitive workforce, our neighborhoods need to develop as diverse communities that support all workers and all backgrounds. Currently, that project is limited due to the ban on inclusionary zoning policies in Oregon.

HB 2564 will allow cities to plan for our collective good, nurturing growth that is smart, efficient, and more equitable. Lifting the ban on inclusionary zoning means the potential for greater access to services like health and education for all types of workers. Oregon AFSCME supports HB 2564 and urges a **YES** vote.

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