

Dear Rep. Keny-Guyer and members of the committee,

I live in Bend and we have a housing crisis. Bend has the lowest rental vacancy rate in the state, 0.3%, as reported by Jim Long, city of Bend affordable housing manager. Bend is in a home-building boom, similar to before the crash, but housing affordable to lower and moderate incomes is not being built. Bend needs all the tools available to address the lack of affordable housing.

Inclusionary housing, also called [inclusionary zoning](#) or IZ, is a land-use practice that requires a given share of new construction to be affordable by people with low to moderate incomes. It's a tool used to ensure new housing is developed for a range of incomes.

There are only two states that ban IZ: Texas and Oregon. The current ban means that communities cannot use this tool to address their local housing needs. [HB 2564](#) would repeal the ban on IZ. The repeal would not mandate anything -- it would simply allow communities to choose whether or not to implement this tool. The bill would bring back local control to communities working to provide affordable housing.

Please repeal the ban.

Thank you,

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