

Chair Rep. Read, Vice-Chairs Rep. Gallegos and Rep. Whisnant and members of the House Committee On Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development:

My name is Peggy Argo and I work for ACCESS. Our mission is “Through partnership with a caring community, ACCESS provides immediate and long-term solutions that lead people in need toward self-sufficiency”.

Please support the renewal and expansion of the Oregon Individual Development (IDA) Initiative by passing HB 2011 out of committee.

The Oregon Individual Development Account Initiative has brought more opportunity for residents of our community.

Here’s how: One of my clients (Mara) found herself camping at a friend’s home in southern Oregon because she needed to get her professional license to practice Massage Therapy so she could earn a better living, then she heard about IDA and applies for the Dream\$avers program, and now Mara has graduated from her school and is self employed. She is actually applying for the HomeBuyer program with Dream\$avers now that she can support a monthly mortgage payment. This is only an example of one of our success stories.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

*Peggy Argo*

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IDA specialist