



HOUSING ALLIANCE

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Housing Development Center
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Lane County Legal Aid and Advocacy Center
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Lincoln County
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HB 2011: Investing in Families and Communities

House Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development Committee
March 6, 2015
HB 2011

Chair Read 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 2011, which extends the Oregon Individual Development Account (IDA) tax credit sunset and expands the eligible uses of an IDA. We also support a gradual increase on the cap on donations to \$25 million over the next six years.

We know that when all our neighbors have the opportunity to prosper and build foundations for economic stability and resiliency, our communities and state thrive. The IDA builds financial resilience and creates pathways of opportunity for Oregonians with low incomes.

Initiative participants currently use the IDA to facilitate the purchase of a home, fulfill an educational goal, develop and launch a small business, restore a home to habitable shape, or purchase equipment to support an employment goal. IDAs open up pathways of opportunity and create models of economic success in our communities. By expanding the purposes of IDA accounts, more Oregonians can get on a path to financial resiliency.

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