



HOUSING ALLIANCE

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- 1000 Friends of Oregon
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- AFSCME Local 3135
- Alliance of Family & Housing Success
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- CASA of Oregon
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- Chrisman Development Inc.
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- Clackamas County
- Community Action Partnership of Oregon
- Community Action Team, Inc.
- Community Alliance of Tenants
- Community Housing Fund
- Community Partners for Affordable Housing
- Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
- Fair Housing Council of Oregon
- Farmworker Housing Development Corporation
- Habitat for Humanity of Oregon
- Hacienda CDC
- Housing Advocates Group of Washington County
- Housing Development Center
- Human Solutions
- Impact Northwest
- Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization
- Lane County Legal Aid and Advocacy Center
- League of Women Voters of Oregon
- Lincoln County
- Metro
- NAYA Family Center
- Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO)
- Neighborhood Partnerships
- NeighborWorks Umpqua
- Network for Oregon Affordable Housing
- Northwest Housing Alternatives
- Northwest Pilot Project
- Open Door Counseling Center
- Oregon Food Bank
- Oregon Housing Authorities
- Oregon Opportunity Network
- Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon
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- Raphael House
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- ShelterCare
- Sisters of the Road
- Street Roots
- Washington County
- Welcome Home Coalition
- Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services

SB 50 & SB 51: Investing in Families and Communities

Senate Human Services and Early Childhood Committee
March 5, 2015
SB 50, SB 51

Chair Gelser 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 Senate Bills 50 and 51, which extend the Oregon Individual Development Account (IDA) tax credits sunsets. We also support the expansion of the eligible uses of an IDA as represented in HB 2011, and 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.

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