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## HB 3082: Support for housing stability

House Committee on Human Services and Housing  
March 11, 2015  
HB 3082

Chair Keny-Guyer 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 3082, which will allow local jurisdictions the option of smoothing the path to homeownership and family financial stability by allowing some residents of housing owned by non-profit providers to remain stable in their housing even as their incomes rise. The income cap which would remain in place is still modest – less than 80% of area median income is only \$55,520, and in Eugene, \$44,160. If we as a state can support households at this income level on the path to homeownership, as many of the non-profits seeking this statutory change successfully do, we all benefit from the ripple effects of household prosperity.

HB 3082 would preserve the option for local jurisdictions to cap incomes eligible for property tax exemption at 60% of Area Median. In this way, it will allow local communities to weigh for themselves the costs and benefits of this exemption.

We know that when all our neighbors have the opportunity to prosper and build foundations for economic stability, our communities and state thrive. The Housing Alliance sees HB 3082 as a valuable tool to support community prosperity.

I urge your prompt consideration and support of this proposal and thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

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On Behalf of the Oregon Housing Alliance