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Chair Gelser, Vice Chair Olsen and Senators Dembrow, Monnes-Anderson & Kruse

I am asking for your support of [HB 2564](#) that removes the statewide ban (pre-emotion) against inclusionary zoning.

The bill gives local governments a "local option" tool, not a mandate, to use in responding to Oregon's low income housing crisis.

For example, Washington County is over 19,000 units short in meeting the current need for affordable housing.

At the current rate of building affordable rental units in Washington County it will take us 160 years to meet the current need.

The Metro area is 40,000 units short and the state has a gap of 130,000 units.

Lifting the ban on inclusionary zoning will help us close the "housing gap" facing the working poor and the homeless by -

- Alleviating displacement, concentrated poverty and racial segregation caused by gentrification;
- Promoting community health, prosperity and social equity in our local communities across Oregon;

Everyone should have access to good schools, transportation options and housing they can afford without having to choose between other necessities of life - food, clothes and medical care.

Inclusionary zoning will help us redress this imbalance in our housing market – which finds the Metro area as the tightest housing market in the US.

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