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SB 244: Improving Housing Opportunity Programs

House Human Services and Housing Committee

June 1, 2015

SB 244

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 Senate Bill 244.

The Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) transition plan and SB 244 will ensure that the department is able to assume a stronger leadership role in statewide housing conversations. It will ensure that the various programs the department administers to increase housing opportunity are well aligned.

SB 244 continues the process outlined in OHCS’s plan to make changes to its governance and service delivery structure.

We believe the changes included in SB 244 constitute the necessary next steps to ensure the department continues on its path to better fulfill its mission.

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