



**HOUSING  
ALLIANCE**

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**HB 4081**

**Maintain affordability of housing across Oregon through  
property tax exemptions**

**Feb. 1, 2016**

**House Revenue Committee**

Chair Barnhart and Members of the Committee

The Housing Alliance is a coalition of more than seventy 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 in every corner of our state.

The Housing Alliance supports HB 4081, which will help ensure that between 1500 and 2,000 homes that are affordable today to individuals and families living on lower incomes stays affordable. We are facing a housing crisis of unprecedented proportions in Oregon. We cannot afford to step backwards.

HB 4081 eliminates a sunset passed in 2014 as part of HB 4039. It will ensure that non profit owners of affordable homes who had qualified for property tax exemptions because of the mission oriented, charitable nature of their work will continue to have those properties be classified as exempt. HB 4081 will provide certainty to both non profit owners and the residents of the apartments covered by this bill. This bill maintains the status quo for owners, residents, and local jurisdictions.

On behalf of the Housing Alliance, I urge your prompt consideration and support of HB 4081. Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Byrd". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Janet Byrd

On Behalf of the Oregon Housing Alliance



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Coalition of Communities of Color

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Community Alliance of Tenants

Community Energy Project

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Community Partners for Affordable Housing

Cornerstone Community Housing

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Fair Housing Council of Oregon

Farmworker Housing Development Corporation

Habitat for Humanity of Oregon

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Northwest Housing Alternatives

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Oregon Coalition on Housing & Homelessness

Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities

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