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SB 1582

Local Innovations and Fast Track Housing

Feb. 1, 2016

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

Chair Gelser 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 SB 1582, which will add statutory framework for the Local Innovations and Fast Track housing program. The LIFT program is an exciting new approach to developing new affordable homes in Oregon communities. The 2015 Legislature authorized \$40 million in General Obligation bonds for this effort, which represents a new approach and funding strategy to help meet housing needs. The Housing Alliance is excited by the prospect of the significant impact that the LIFT program can have, and looks forward to continued Legislative investments in the 2017 session and beyond, to expand the reach and scope of this effort.

SB 1582 will also authorize modest administrative expenses. Oregon Housing and Community Services has dedicated significant staff time to designing the LIFT program, and has engaged advisors and stakeholders in a process to help develop program priorities and develop the partnerships that will support success for the families living on low incomes who will benefit from the new homes created.

On behalf of the Housing Alliance, I urge your prompt consideration and support of SB 1582. 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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