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Increasing the EITC for families with young children to support housing opportunity

**House Committee on Revenue
February 4, 2016
House Bill 4110 Relating to Taxation**

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.

We ask for your support of an increase in the state earned income tax credit (EITC) for families with young children in order to help them achieve and maintain housing stability.

The EITC is more important now than ever for housing stability, as increases in rent and sudden no-cause evictions are impacting families throughout the state. Many working families face housing instability and homelessness as a result of these and other unexpected expenses.

While we all need a home, children can face lifelong consequences when their families cannot afford healthy, safe, and stable housing. A boost in family income through the EITC can help families cover expenses and prevent the devastating impacts of housing instability, including unsafe and substandard housing conditions, evictions, and homelessness.

On behalf of the Housing Alliance, I urge your prompt consideration and support of this proposal, which promises to benefit young children throughout our state. Thank you for your consideration of this bill, and your service to the people of Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Lee', written over a light blue circular stamp.

**Jenny Lee
On Behalf of the Oregon Housing Alliance**



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