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### **Senate Committee on Business and Transportation March 13, 2017 – 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room B Testimony of Genoa Ingram in Support: SB 753**

The Oregon Manufactured Housing Association is a non-profit professional and trade association representing the interest of our members including builders of factory constructed homes, retailers, financial services, developers, some community owners and their supplier companies. The Association was founded in 1968 to advance the availability of affordable housing opportunities by promoting the sale of factory constructed housing and the development of desirable sites and communities in Oregon.

The Oregon Manufactured Housing Association, in partnership with the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA) requested SB 753 in response to changes in the administration of programs under the purview of the Oregon Building Codes Division relating to recreational vehicles. These changes will result in more restrictions on the production of RVs and park models than are required in other states and make Oregon less competitive in this market.

While there is a separate bill that relates to the production of recreational vehicles that will ease regulation, park models are not addressed. SB 753 and the -1 amendments, create a definition of “park model” in statute where currently no such definition exists. The current definition of “recreational structure” under ORS 446.003(32) reads as follows:

*“Recreational structure” means a campground structure with or without plumbing, heating or cooking facilities intended to be used by any particular occupant on a limited-time basis for recreational, seasonal, emergency or transitional housing purposes and may include yurts, cabins, fabric structures or similar structures as further defined, by rule, by the director.*

SB 753 will provide a bright line definition for “park model” as follows:

*“Park model recreational vehicle” is a recreational vehicle that:*

- (a) Is designed and marketed as temporary living quarters for recreation, camping, travel or seasonal use;*
- (b) Is not permanently affixed to land;*
- (c) Is not used for residential purposes;*
- (d) Is built on a single chassis mounted on wheels; and*
- (e) Complies with American National Standards Institute manufacturing standards for park model recreational vehicles.”*

Please note that SB 753 does not sacrifice safety in order for Oregon companies and workers to remain competitive. The definition above requires park models comply with American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards, which exceed the current BCD requirements.

We understand that the BCD is seeking a way to define “recreational vehicle” in a manner that will allow them to remain exempt from more stringent requirements. While a separate bill will address recreational vehicles, park models are not addressed. Again, without SB 753, Oregon will be placed at a severe disadvantage, driving jobs and revenue out.

The Oregon Manufactured Housing Association appreciates you hearing SB 753 and we urge its passage.