

Human Services and Housing Committee
c/o Chair Alissa Keny-Guyer

Dear Alissa,

I am writing to you to support three bills you will be holding a hearing on tomorrow: HB2961, HB3192 and HB3175. As a Director on the Board of Willamette West Habitat for Humanity, I have direct contact with the type of families that would benefit from these bills. I am sure you are aware of the many impacts lack of affordable housing has on these families. Some of the impacts we see are negative impacts to family health (often as a result of sub-standard rent conditions), poor attendance and performance in school by children (as a result of moving frequently or health issues) and an inability of these families to contribute to others (as they do everything they can to keep their family afloat). In Washington County alone, the need is significantly greater than our ability to support these families today. With increasing home prices and rents, I can only anticipate the situation will get worse.

I strongly urge you to do what you can to support these three bills to ensure that families throughout the state of Oregon have access to basic, affordable housing.

Thank you for your support.

Jim Woodruff

Director, Willamette West Habitat for Humanity