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[Joint Committee On Tax Expenditures](#)

RE: [HB 2096 \(Ag Worker Housing Tax Credit\)](#)

Dear members:

The Farmworker Housing Development Corporation (FHDC), and the Evolve Workforce & Housing Services focus supporting the development of the farmworkers, immigrant community, and Latinx working families. Our collective impact in the Willamette Valley reaches thousands of people each year. Thanks to the Agricultural Farmworker Housing Tax Credit, which has been offered by OHCS since 1986, FHDC has been able to provide housing to more than 1,500 individuals, with a total of 340 units, and with another 140 units in the pipeline.

As it has been documented by the Oregon State University, there are 178,758 agricultural workers in Oregon. These individuals and their families have been the most affected by the 2020 pandemic. One of the reasons was the lack of access to quality housing.

The Farmworker Housing Dev. Corporation and its affiliate Evolve Workforce and Housing Services urges your support for House Bill 2096.

Thank you for your consideration, and your attention to this issue. Looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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