

March 2, 2023

Representative Maxine Dexter Chair, House Committee on Housing and Homelessness 900 Court St NE, H-283 Salem, OR 97301

Re: House Bill 3151

Dear Chair Dexter and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Housing Alliance urges your support of House Bill 3151, which provides several modest but meaningful changes to the current statutes that govern manufactured housing parks and the rights of their tenants.

We strongly support the tenant legal aid services and dispute resolution program that will be extended by HB 3151. The bill also creates flexibility for state funding to be used not only to preserve and rehabilitate existing manufactured housing parks, but also to develop new parks in order to expand our state's infrastructure of permanently affordable homes.

The Housing Alliance is a coalition of some 100 members, which include local jurisdictions, grassroots community groups, and housing developers and providers from across the state. From these various positions within Oregon's affordable housing landscape, our members have endorsed HB 3151. We recognize that manufactured housing is an essential component of our state's housing stock. Expanding that stock of affordable homes by encouraging the development of new parks, and strengthening protections for mobile home tenants, are simple but important steps that the legislature can take to address our statewide housing crisis.

Sincerely,

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