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HOUSE DISTRICT 40



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As Oregonian lawmakers, we inherit a rich tradition of innovative policymaking that—since the 80s—has continuously supported the potential of exciting ideas. That’s why I’m urging your support for SB 2 because we need to utilize all the housing innovation we can to tackle Oregon’s housing crisis.

40% of all Oregonian seniors are at risk of losing their homes. SB 2 will allow some of these seniors to retain their housing by increasing interest in, and therefore public knowledge of, the Home Share program. Home Share Oregon matches people looking to rent bedrooms in houses with compatible people, running criminal background checks and accounting for various compatibility factors, including news consumption, cleaning habits, noise-making, and more. SB 2 relieves homeowners participating in this program from paying state income tax on the rent earned up to \$1,000 per month.

In the face of soaring rent and home prices caused by a severe housing shortage, SB 2 recognizes that a great deal of existing housing is underutilized, primarily because of societal stigma towards multi-generational living. Unfortunately, SB 2 will not end that stigma, but it supports a larger societal shift toward normalizing cooperative living arrangements.

Please join me in supporting this legislation.

Thank you for your time.

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Representative Annessa Hartman