

Submitter: Fengxian Yuan
On Behalf Of: Self Advocates Taking Action
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1576

Dear Chair Pham, Vice Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Fengxian Yuan, and I reside in the Sellwood neighborhood with a roommate in Southeast Portland in Multnomah County. I have an intellectual and developmental disability and currently receive IDD services from a brokerage in the Portland metro area. I am also a member of SATA (Self Advocates Taking Action.) I'm writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 1576, which seeks to expand the availability of accessible housing for Oregonians with disabilities and older adults. Currently, accessible housing options are limited throughout Oregon. Many homes have features such as stairs, narrow doorways, or bathrooms that are not safe or usable for individuals with mobility challenges. For those who have difficulty walking, including the increasing number of older adults in our state, these barriers significantly reduce housing choices. Everyone should have the opportunity to choose where they live and access housing that accommodates their needs—whether that involves a ramp for a wheelchair or lowered kitchen counters to promote independence. For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to support and pass SB 1576. Thank you for your time and dedication to addressing Oregon's housing needs.

Sincerely,
Fengxian Yuan