



Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Breese-Iverson, and members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness:

Oregon REALTORS® is a 17,000 member trade association comprised of real estate principal brokers, brokers, property managers and affiliated industry professionals. Our members represent hundreds of thousands of Oregonians in their real property transactions. We urge your support for SB 1513A.

SB 1513A is a simple bill that delays the operative date of a single, one-line provision (Section 13(5)) of HB 3137 (2025). That provision deals with real estate team names, and the delay gives the regulated community more time to comply it.

HB 3137 was brought forward by the industry and was the most substantial update of ORS 696, the statutes governing real estate licensees, in more than two decades. It introduced terms and concepts that are common in today's real estate practice but were previously absent from the statute.

As one of its provisions, HB 3137 for the first time created a regulatory framework for real estate teams. Teams are subdivisions of a real estate brokerage that market their services under a team name. Prior to HB 3137 there were a few advertising rules related to teams but nothing in statute, and a team was not even defined. Now, teams are defined, they are required to provide a disclosure to clients, and relevant to SB 1513, there are restrictions on team names to avoid confusing consumers that the team is an independent real estate brokerage when it is not.

Oregon REALTORS® worked on the concepts contained within HB 3137 for months prior to its introduction in the legislature, and there were no objections to the bill as it made its way through the legislature in 2025. However, after passage some real estate licensees who operate as teams expressed concerns about the time and cost associated with rebranding that may be required because of HB 3137 Section 13(5). Those are legitimate concerns, and SB 1513A delays the operative date of that provision to July 1, 2027 to ease the compliance burden.

We urge your support for the bill.