

HJR 203 - Remove pre-emption of real estate transfer tax

Chair Nathanson and Members of the Committee

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition supports the bill in concept. We feel there could be some fine tuning.

The bill allows the legislature to adjust the amount for inflation. However, given the fact that programs such as the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families have changed very little since 1996, from \$496 to \$506 for a family of three, it might prove helpful to add an automatic inflation factor. That would assure folks who are concerned about the increasing prices for residential housing that only the higher priced homes would be affected.

Again, we endorse the concept.

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