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The Harbor

Where violence ends
and hope begins...

Mission

The Harbor provides advocacy, prevention, and support to promote self-determination and hope for survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking.

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Co-Chair Steiner and Co-Chair Sanchez, and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means;
Co-Chair Sollman and Co-Chair Evans and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety:

Re: Yes on HB 3018 for funding in 001 Budget to assist survivors of domestic and sexual with housing needs.

The Survivor Housing Fund is a very important resource for our community in our agency, The Harbor (non-profit organization). We are located in the Northwest Coast, in a small-town called, Astoria, OR. There are not enough resources for the community.

Here at The Harbor we provide services to survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking, we have a small shelter where survivors can be safe, we provide them resources, from neighboring state, Washington, and other states, with that said, we don't have enough housing in the area, and it is hard for survivors to maintain the place where they live.

When a mother of 5 left home with her kids to start a new life, not having money, family or friends to help them; She came to The Harbor asking for help to look for a place where to live or economic help to keep their home. Without the Survivor Housing Fund, we would not have been able to help them, the only thing many families want is to have a safe place where to stay, our weather is sometimes very hard for people to live in the streets.

We really appreciate the funds that Survivors Housing fund offers, for us to have the capacity to provide housing stabilization. In the name of my organization and the survivors we Thank You the Survivor Housing Fund for all the benefits, and Your support.

THANK YOU

Respectfully,

Petra Aguilera Bilingual Advocate at The Harbor.