

March 2, 2023

Subject: HB 3482 – Testimony in Support

Northwest Housing Alternatives (NHA) is a community-based nonprofit that develops and holds real estate as permanent affordable housing. Operating since 1982 based in Milwaukie, NHA offers over 2,000 units of affordable housing across the state and has some 600 units under construction. NHA is a homeless services provider in Clackamas County and offers an array of culturally responsive supportive activities to residents. NHA is committed to use a lens that incorporates equity, diversity, inclusion, and access; and is experienced in housing development and service collaborations with culturally specific organizations.

Over the past 4 years, NHA has also developed collaborative efforts with different faith-based organizations. It is with the entirety of our experience that we strongly urge support of HB 3482 and its various components.

We urge the Committee to support HB 4382 as it address several areas of affordable housing production, including supporting faith-based organizations transition property further deeply held mission-oriented efforts to support community residents living with lower incomes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill Anderson".

Executive Director