

TO: House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
FROM: Disability Rights Oregon
DATE: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023
RE: HB 3309 [Incentivizing Accessible Housing]

Chair Dexter, Vice Chairs Gamba and Helfrich, and members of the Committee,

Human Services Coalition of Oregon(HSCO) founded nearly 40 years ago, promotes the dignity of all Oregonians through improved public policy and strengthened support for human services.

HSCO supports increasing the supply and quality of accessible housing.

HB 3309-2 would require the Housing and Community Services Department to <u>incentivize</u> increases to the quality and quality of accessible housing in all of its programs and report annually on the number of units beginning in 2024.

We support HB 3309 to increase the quantity and quality of accessible units for people with disabilities and older adults and to report annually on the number of accessible units in Oregon.

While Oregon is laser focused on increasing housing supply and making historic investments in affordable housing, it is critical that we assure we are including people who have accessible needs. HB 3309-2 is a very important first step in making sure housing in Oregon is inclusive and accessible to all Oregonians.

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