



February 27, 2025

Representative Nancy Nathanson
Chair, House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE, H-279
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for House Bill 2958,

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Housing Alliance is urging your support for HB 2958 which would expand Oregon's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a critical anti-poverty program. Without your support a program that helps approximately 250,000 families make ends meet will sunset.

The Oregon Housing Alliance is a statewide coalition of over 100 member organizations, including tenant organizations; affordable housing developers and operators; social service providers and shelter operators; Community Action Agencies; Public Housing Authorities; housing industry businesses and professionals; city and county governments; and community-based nonprofits and advocacy groups. Many of our members support families who rely on the EITC.

Our cost of living crisis is no secret. Families with young children bear the biggest burden of rising grocery bills, rents and stagnating wages. HB 2958 would expand on our existing program and help more Oregonians in three major ways:

1. Expanding the state match of the federal EITC to 20–25 percent,
2. Allowing the availability of Oregon's EIC to people under the age of 25 and ages 65 and over, and
3. Protecting refunds generated from the EIC from garnishment.

Our diverse membership is united by the belief that every Oregonian deserves a home that is affordable, stable, accessible and safe. To this end, we urge your support of House Bill 2958.

Sincerely,

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