



Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Reschke and Walters, and members of the House Committee on Revenue,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2735A. For background, Oregon REALTORS® is an industry association comprised of roughly 18,000 members who work as real estate brokers, principal real estate brokers, real estate property managers, and affiliated industry professionals.

HB 2735A would increase the maximum allowable value of the state tax credit that funds Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) from \$7.5 million to \$16.5 million. This is important because the maximum value of the IDA tax credit has not been increased since 2009 and it is not indexed to the annual percent change in the consumer price index.

As a result, over time, the IDA program has been able to support fewer and fewer savers each year (absent supplemental funding by the Oregon Legislature) due to the effects of inflation. Without legislative action to create a funding fix, the IDA program will shrink by half and will only be capable of enrolling fewer than 500 people each year.

HB 2735A is needed to ensure the opportunity for future IDA savers to participate in the program. Oregon REALTORS® encourages the committee to vote YES on HB 2735A.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments.