

SHB 1570 Community Statement of Support

April 2017

We, the undersigned organizations representing a broad range of homelessness, housing, real estate, landlord, local government, community, business, social service, legal, faith, social justice, labor, and health care interests, have come together in strong support of SHB 1570.

Homelessness is an emergency in rural, urban, and suburban communities across Washington. Nearly 21,000 people were counted as homeless during the 2016 point in time count, and people of color, people with disabilities, people fleeing domestic violence, people who are LGBTQ, and youth who are exiting public systems are experiencing homelessness at disproportionate rates.

Washington's investments in homelessness are working. Homelessness has decreased in Washington by 17.7% since 2005 despite the impact of the Great Recession, and despite recent increases in the drivers of homelessness, such as rapidly increasing rental rates, persistent high rates of poverty, and a significant shortage of affordable housing.

SHB 1570 proposes effective solutions that are responsive to the need in our state while also ensuring accountability. SHB 1570 prevents the elimination of over 60% of our state's homelessness resources, which would cause 34,000 additional people to experience homelessness between 2019 and 2021 alone. SHB 1570 also allows counties to increase the Homelessness and Housing Assistance surcharge by up to \$50, increasing local resources needed to bring effective services and housing assistance to scale in order to move more people inside, more quickly.

All people in Washington deserve access to a safe, healthy, and affordable home. **We urge the legislature to prioritize our state's homelessness emergency by passing SHB 1570 this year.**

A Bridge Forward
A Way Home Washington
A&B Advocates
Affordable Housing Advisory Board (AHAB)
Alchemy Skateboarding
All Home
All Saints Community Services
Anti-Hunger and Nutrition Coalition
Arc of Washington State
ARNPs United of Washington
Associated Ministries of Tacoma-Pierce County
Association of Washington Cities

Association of Washington Housing Authorities
Awareness and Prevention Through Art
Beacon Development Group
Bellwether Housing
Bremerton Housing Authority
Building Changes
Campion Advocacy Fund
Capitol Hill Community Council
Capitol Hill Housing
Capitol Hill Housing Foundation
Catherine Place
Catholic Charities Housing Services
Catholic Charities Spokane
Catholic Community Services of Western Washington
Center for Justice
Chief Seattle Club
Children's Alliance
Church Council of Greater Seattle
City of Auburn
City of Bellevue
City of Black Diamond
City of Burien
City of Everett
City of Federal Way
City of Issaquah
City of Mercer Island
City of Milton
City of Redmond
City of Seattle
City of Shoreline
City of Tukwila
City of Walla Walla
Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program
Coalition Ending Gender-Based Violence
Cocoon House
Columbia Legal Services
Commonwealth Agency
Community Action Center, Whitman County
Community Action of Skagit County
Community Frameworks
Community Housing Resource Center
Community Psychiatric Clinic
Compass Health
Compass Housing Alliance
Compassion House

Corporation for Supportive Housing
Council for the Homeless, Clark County
Council on American-Islamic Relations of Washington State
Crossroads Housing (formerly Mason County Shelter)
CUE Services, LLC
DESC (Downtown Emergency Service Center)
Disability Rights Washington
Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County
Eastside Human Services Forum
Emergency Support Shelter
Enterprise Community Partners
Faith Action Network
Fauntleroy United Church of Christ
Foundation for Healthy Generations
Friends of Youth
Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare
Healthy Living Collaborative of Southwest Washington
Hilltop Artists
Homeless Rights Advocacy Project (HRAP)
Homestead Community Land Trust
Hope On the Street
Hopelink
Housing Authority of Island County
Housing Authority of Thurston County
Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County
Housing Development Consortium of Seattle- King County
Housing Hope
Housing Opportunities of SW Washington
Imagine Housing
Impact NW
Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness
Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition
Jewish Family Service
Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle
Key Property Services, Inc.
King County
King County Housing Authority
Korean Women's Association
Lake City Christian Church
Lake City Taskforce on Homelessness
LASA (Living Access Support Alliance)
League of Women Voters
League of Women Voters of Whidbey Island
Legal Voice
Lopez Community Land Trust

Low Income Housing Institute
Mercy Housing Northwest
Multi-Service Center
National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI Pierce County
National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI Washington
National Association of Social Workers, Washington Chapter
NAWDIM (Native American Women's Dialog on Infant Mortality)
NeighborWorks of Grays Harbor County
New Connections
Nexus Youth and Families (formerly Auburn Youth Resources)
Northwest Harvest
Northwest Health Law Advocates
Okanogan County Community Action Council
Olympic Community Action Programs
OneAmerica
OPAL Community Land Trust
Opportunity Council
Partner Cafe: Bridging the Gap Across Sectors
Partners for Our Children
Partnerships for Action, Voices for Empowerment (PAVE)
Peace Lutheran Church, Seattle
Phoenix Recovery Services, LLC
Pierce County Human Services Coalition
Pierce County Labor Community Services Agency
Plymouth Housing Group
Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action (PSARA)
REACH Community Development
REACH Program, Evergreen Treatment Services
Ryan's House For Youth
San Juan Community Home Trust
SeaChange Psychotherapy Services
Seattle Housing Authority
Seattle Human Services Coalition
Seattle Indian Health Board
Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness
Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Second Step Housing
SEIU Healthcare 1199NW
Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)
Senior Center of West Seattle
Share, Vancouver
Shared Housing Services
Skagit Valley Hospitality House Association and Friendship House
Snohomish County
Solid Ground

Somali Youth and Family Club
Sound Cities Association
South Sound 2-1-1
SPIN Café
Spokane Housing Ventures
Spokane Indian Housing Authority
Spokane Low Income Housing Consortium
Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners
Sravasti Abbey
Statewide Poverty Action Network
Tacoma Housing Authority
Tacoma Pierce County Affordable Housing Consortium
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
TeamChild
Tenants Union of Washington
The Arc of King County
The CoHo Team of Windermere Agents
The Leadership Group of the Ballard Community Taskforce on Homelessness and Hunger
The Mockingbird Society
The REACH Center
The Salvation Army, Tacoma/Pierce County
Transitions
Triumph Treatment Services
United Good Neighbors of Jefferson County
United Way of Island County
United Way of King County
United Way of Kitsap County
United Way of Skagit County
United Way of Thurston County
United Ways of the Pacific Northwest
Vadis
Walla Walla Housing Authority
Washington Association for Children and Families
Washington Coalition for Homeless Youth Advocacy
Washington Community Action Partnership
Washington Community Reinvestment Association
Washington Council for Behavioral Health
Washington Food Coalition
Washington Gorge Action Programs
Washington Home Of Your Own
Washington Housing Alliance Action Fund
Washington Low Income Housing Alliance
Washington State Association of Counties
Washington State Budget and Policy Center

Washington State Catholic Conference
Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Washington State Community Action Partnership
Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council
Washington State Housing Finance Commission
Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Washington State Parent Ally Committee
Washington State Senior Citizens' Lobby
Wellspring Family Services
West Seattle Helpline
Westside Interfaith Network, Seattle
Whatcom County Coalition to End Homelessness
Whidbey Homeless Coalition
WIN
Women's Resource Center of North Central Washington
Yakima Housing Authority
YMCA Oasis Teen Shelter and Daylight Center
YMCA of Greater Seattle
YouthCare
YWCA Seattle|King|Snohomish
YWCA, Clark County
YWCA, Olympia
YWCA, Pierce County
YWCA, Spokane
YWCA, Walla Walla