

Oregon Legislative Update – May 28, 2015

By Jim Straub, ORHA Legislative Director

The Landlord-Tenant Coalition bill, Senate Bill 390, passed out of the House Human Services and Housing Committee on May 18th on a unanimous vote. Representatives Duane Stark and Carla Piluso will carry the bill on the House floor, we anticipate sometime during the week of May 25th. There were no questions or discussion at either the public hearing or the work session in the House committee, except that Rep. Paul Evans of Monmouth expressed his interest in getting involved in the coalition's work for next session. Stay tuned for future updates as the bill continues to work its way through the Oregon Legislature.

This means it's now time to start looking towards the next legislative session. Members and local associations should begin identifying areas which they believe should be addressed by the coalition in future legislative sessions. Begin gathering your facts and affirmative arguments now in anticipation of our next ORHA legislative planning meeting on July 18th in Eugene. Personal stories are especially helpful when approaching the legislature. Have you been affected by a law that needs changed? Are you facing a situation that needs a new law to be addressed? Your stories really make a difference when we negotiate on these issues. I look forward to continuing our important legislative work in future coalition meetings.