

OREGON LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – January, 2016

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The next Oregon Legislative Session is set to begin on February 1st, and we can expect many bills to be submitted on February 2nd. Among those bills we anticipate is a housing bill sponsored by Speaker of the House Tina Kotek to address housing concerns that many have called a “Renters’ State of Emergency”. Speaker Kotek invited landlord and tenant advocates, including myself, to participate in developing a bill that will address housing concerns and yet fairly represent both landlord and tenant interests. We are meeting regularly now to discuss the development of that bill, and I expect to have more specific information for our members after February 2nd. Look for my next ORHA Legislative Update for more information. In the meantime, should you have questions or concerns, be sure to contact your local chapter’s ORHA representative.