

## 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  
APOYO Food Bank  
Arc of King County

Arc of Snohomish County  
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  
Catalyst for Positive Change  
Catherine Place  
Catholic Charities Housing Services  
Catholic Charities Spokane  
Catholic Community Services of Western Washington  
Catholic Community Services of Western Washington - NW  
Center for Justice  
Chief Seattle Club  
Children's Alliance  
Church Council of Greater Seattle  
City of Auburn  
City of Bellevue  
City of Bellingham  
City of Black Diamond  
City of Burien  
City of Everett  
City of Federal Way  
City of Fife  
City of Issaquah  
City of Kenmore  
City of Lake Stevens  
City of Mercer Island  
City of Milton  
City of Puyallup  
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  
Community Youth Services  
Compass Health  
Compass Housing Alliance  
Compassion House  
Congregation Beth Shalom, Seattle  
Congregations for the Homeless  
Corporation for Supportive Housing  
Council for the Homeless, Clark County  
Council on American-Islamic Relations of Washington State  
Cowlitz-Wahkiakim Central Labor Council  
Crossroads Housing (formerly Mason County Shelter)  
CUE Services, LLC  
DESC (Downtown Emergency Service Center)  
Dining With Dignity Meal Program  
Disability Rights Washington  
Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County  
Eastside Human Services Forum  
Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council  
Edmonds Housing Instability Coalition  
Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
Emergency Support Shelter  
Enterprise Community Partners  
Faith Action Network  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Fauntleroy United Church of Christ  
Ferndale Food Bank - Board Member and Volunteer  
Foothills Food Bank  
Foundation for Healthy Generations  
Friends of Youth  
Futurewise  
Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare  
Haller Lake United Methodist Church  
Healthy Living Collaborative of Southwest Washington  
Hilltop Artists  
Homeless Rights Advocacy Project (HRAP)  
Homes First

HomeSight  
Homestead Community Land Trust  
Hope On the Street  
Hopelink  
Housing Authority of Island County  
Housing Authority of Snohomish County  
Housing Authority of Thurston County  
Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County  
Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County  
Housing Hope  
Housing Hope Properties  
Housing Opportunities of SW Washington  
Imagine Housing  
Impact Capital  
Impact NW  
Interfaith Association of Northwest Washington  
Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness  
Issaquah Sammamish Interfaith Coalition  
Janus Youth Programs  
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  
League of Women Voters  
League of Women Voters of Whidbey Island  
Legal Voice  
Lindquist Dental Clinic for Children  
Lopez Community Land Trust  
Low Income Housing Institute  
Lower Columbia CAP  
Mason County Democrats  
Mercy Housing Northwest  
Multi-Service Center  
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)

North Whidbey Help House  
Northwest Harvest  
Northwest Health Law Advocates  
Ocean Park Food Bank  
Okanogan County Community Action Council  
Olympic Community Action Programs  
OneAmerica  
OPAL Community Land Trust  
Opportunity Council  
Outsiders Inn  
Partner Cafe: Bridging the Gap Across Sectors  
Partners for Our Children  
Partnerships for Action, Voices for Empowerment (PAVE)  
Pathways to Stability  
Peace for the Streets by Kids from the Streets  
Peace Lutheran Church, Seattle  
Phoenix Recovery Services, LLC  
Pierce County Housing Authority  
Pierce County Human Services Coalition  
Pierce County Labor Community Services Agency  
Plymouth Housing Group  
Pride Foundation  
Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action (PSARA)  
Puget Sound Labor Agency  
REACH Community Development  
REACH Program, Evergreen Treatment Services  
Real Change  
Ryan's House For Youth  
SafePlace  
San Juan Community Home Trust  
Sand Point United Methodist Church  
SeaChange Psychotherapy Services  
Seattle Housing Authority  
Seattle Human Services Coalition  
Seattle Indian Health Board  
Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce  
Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness  
Seattle/King County Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Second Step Housing  
SEIU Healthcare 1199NW  
Self Advocates in Leadership (SAIL)  
Senior Center of West Seattle  
Senior Services Shared Housing Program  
Shalom Ministries  
Share, Vancouver

Share & Care House  
Shared Housing Services  
Shelter Resources Inc.  
SideWalk Homeless Advocacy Center  
Skagit County  
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 Cafe  
Spokane Housing Ventures  
Spokane Indian Housing Authority  
Spokane Low Income Housing Consortium  
Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners  
Sravasti Abbey  
Statewide Poverty Action Network  
Sunrise Outreach Center  
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  
Toppenish Community Chest  
Transform Yakima Together  
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 Snohomish County  
United Way of Thurston County  
United Ways of the Pacific Northwest  
Vadis  
Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners

Walla Walla Housing Authority  
Washington State Council of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry  
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 Psychological Association  
Washington State Senior Citizens' Lobby  
Washington Student Association  
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  
WORLDBRIDGERS  
Yakima Housing Authority  
Yakima Neighborhood Health Services  
YMCA Oasis Teen Shelter and Daylight Center  
YMCA of Greater Seattle  
Youth Development Executives of King County  
YouthCare  
YWCA Seattle|King|Snohomish  
YWCA, Clark County  
YWCA, Olympia  
YWCA, Pierce County  
YWCA, Spokane  
YWCA, Walla Walla

