



NEWS UPDATE 02-04-2015

→ WA State Legislative Session UPDATE

News & legislative agenda from Washington Low Income Housing Alliance:

Go to: WLIHA Bill Tracker for info on Lead & Support items Click → <http://wliha.org/2015-bill-budget-tracker>

Legislators really value hearing the stories from their constituents and from people primarily affected by the issues we're working on. If you have a personal story that resonates with any of our advocacy issues, please let me know as soon as possible. **You can also share your story through our online portal.** We always need people to come with us to testify in Olympia. We'll help you through the process. And it can be quite a powerful experience.

Our first advocacy action is already underway. **We're gathering signatures in support of our petition telling the legislature we support a budget that raises revenue.** **Please sign-on here if you haven't already.** And please get your friends and family to sign as well.

This could be the most difficult & most important session yet! Your advocacy and energy will be key.

TPCAHC Proposed Legislative Agenda

See Proposals → <..\..\GOVERNMENT\2015 TPAHC Agenda\01-2015 TPCAHC Proposed State Legislative Agenda + Local.doc> including:

Support for HB1633 & SB5578 – Provides Housing Trust Fund preference for projects that include partnerships between affordable housing developers/operators & public school districts [McCarver-THA model].

Info → <http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1633&year=2015>

Silent on SB5655 – Sets target for WA Housing Trust Fund for Homeownership projects.

Bill Info → <http://app.leg.wa.gov/mobile/BillSummary/Details?Number=5655&Year=2015>

AHC Member Catholic Community Services is monitoring the following bills:

- ✦ **HB 1416** - Exempting documents recording a water-sewer district lien from the surcharge for local homeless housing and assistance > **Oppose** exceptions from this crucial source of funding for shelters and homeless housing.
- ✦ **SB 5123** – **Support** a comprehensive screening report allowing a prospective tenant to pay ONE fee and use that report to apply for multiple rentals for up to 30 days.
- ✦ **SB 5219** - **Oppose** permitting landlords to evict tenants for late payment of fees.
- ✦ **SB 5565** and **HB 1560** – Cesar Chavez Day > **Support** honoring civil rights and farm worker leader Cesar Chavez with a recognition day.
- ✦ **HB 1019** - Removing the requirement that housing organizations apply to the Washington state quality award program > **Support** removing an expensive barrier to building low income housing.
- ✦ **HB 1223** - Allowing the use of lodging taxes for financing workforce housing > **Support** affordable housing for working people.
- ✦ **HB 1460** – **Support** the non-disclosure of eviction records where the prospective tenant was not liable.

➔ **Housing & Homelessness Advocacy Day 2015: February 17 Olympia**

Click ➔ [Register for Advocacy Day!](#)

Each year, the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance sets state legislative policy & budget priorities that support our vision of all Washington residents having the opportunity for a safe, healthy, affordable home in thriving communities. For 2015, we're pushing for a capital budget allocation that invests in affordable housing to serve roughly 30,000 households for the next 40 years. We're also advocating for a range of legislation to protect vulnerable tenants. Lastly, our state can become a national leader by creating a Medicaid Supportive Housing Services Benefit to help individuals with severe & chronic health conditions stay off the street & live in a healthy home.

➔ **Washington Housing Trust Fund Information**

Click ➔ [Policy Advisory Team Summary of 12-17-2014 Minutes](#)

Includes:

- Affordable Housing Needs Study Presentation
- 2014 HTF Awards
- 2015 HTF Stage 1 applications accepted

➔ **Washington State Housing Needs Assessment – 2015**

A comprehensive review and forecast of affordable housing in our state.

In 2014, the Affordable Housing Advisory Board and other partners launched the 2015 Housing Needs Assessment, the first effort in over 10 years to collect and analyze federal, state and housing authority data on affordable housing in our state.

Note: Pierce County has largest gap between Rent-burdened Households & Affordable Housing Available

➔ [Report documents:](#)

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/commissions/AffordableHousingAdvisoryBoard/Affordable-Housing-Needs-Study/Pages/default.aspx>

➔ **25th Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness**

May 13 and 14, 2015 Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center

The 2015 conference will bring over 600 homelessness providers and advocates from across the state to exchange innovative ideas, best practices, and grow the movement to end homelessness in Washington. Program and registration information will be available beginning in February 2015.

➔ **Obama Administration includes \$75 million for Tacoma Link expansion in FY 2016 budget proposal**

The Obama Administration's FY 2016 budget proposal includes \$74.99 million in Small Starts federal funding for extending the Tacoma Link light rail line. [Read More>>>](#)

Sound Transit 3 progress in the WA legislature

Population growth and its pressure on transportation was a common theme at a hearing on ST 3 held by the WA House Transportation Committee. It was the first hearing on [legislation](#) needed to allow voters to decide on the next stage of regional transit investments. Executive Dow Constantine, Mayor Marilyn Strickland, Mayor Ed Murray, & Executive John Lovick were among many Puget Sound leaders who were at the hearing to urge ST 3 authorization. PSRC signed in PRO.

➔ HUD RELEASES PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) unveiled on February 2, 2015 President Obama's proposed HUD budget for Fiscal Year 2016 which is focused on helping to secure quality housing for Americans; to end homelessness; to make communities more resilient from natural disasters; to protect people from housing discrimination; and to provide critical rental assistance for millions of extremely poor families. The 2016 budget includes \$49.3 billion to support these efforts, representing a \$4 billion, or 8.7 percent, increase over current levels. Read the entire [press release](#).

Stay up to date on the latest HUD news and announcements by visiting [HUD's Public Affairs website](#)

➔ The National Housing Trust Fund: Getting to Know the Regulations

Join NLIHC for a Webinar on the NHTF Regulations

Thursday, February 5, 1-2 pm ET

At long last, the regulations that will govern how the National Housing Trust Fund will work have been published in the *Federal Register*. NLIHC will provide state and local housing advocates and providers with detailed information on what you need to know to prepare for the first NHTF dollars coming to your state in early 2016.

To sign up for the webinar click here

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8941436728966729218>.

To read the regulations, click here

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-01-30/pdf/2015-01642.pdf>.

➔ CITY OF TACOMA - NOTICE OF CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY

The City of Tacoma informs you that a new contracting opportunity has been issued for the following solicitation:

Request for Proposals

[Surplus Real Property](#) - 35th and Pacific

Specification No. PW15-0013F

Submission Deadline: 03/10/15 11:00 AM, Pacific Time

To view and download an electronic copy of the Specification, visit the City of Tacoma Purchasing website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org and click on "Contracting Opportunities" and then "Supplies Solicitations" and navigate to referenced specification.

The Questions and Answers are being distributed via the website only. If you received this notification in error or a different e-mail address should be used for your company, please contact the City of Tacoma Purchasing Division at email bids@cityoftacoma.org to update your company information. Include the Specification No. in your correspondence.

➔ City of Tacoma Collaboration

SAVE THE DATE: February 17, 2015: Training on non-profit collaboration. Meetings are ON the Third Tuesday of each month from 9-11am at the [Tacoma Police Headquarters](#) located at 3701 S. Pine Street, Tacoma 98409.