



AMHO Action Alert 2

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

January 19, 2022

Greetings members and friend of AMHO,

Many thanks to those of you who contacted your Senators regarding SB 5079 (Longer Notice of Closure). We are still waiting for that bill to get pulled to the Floor of the Senate for a vote – stay tuned!

In the meantime, our other legislative priority, **HB 1100 (Opportunity to Purchase) will be heard in the House Appropriations Committee on Tuesday January 25 at 3:30pm**. Here is a link to the bill – it is now Substitute House Bill 1100 (SHB 1100): [1100-S.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#)

This bill passed the House in 2020 and got stuck in Appropriations last session – we need to get it moving again! The Appropriations Committee does not really discuss the merits of the bill but rather looks at any financial costs to government. The amount of money this bill would cost to administer is negligible, so here are two actions you can take:

- 1. if your Representative is on the Appropriations Committee (See list attached), please email them before noon in Tuesday with the following message:**

Dear Rep. _____,

As a constituent of yours, residing in a manufactured housing community, I urge you to give your full support to SHB 1100 (Opportunity to Purchase). This bill would allow me to stay in my home for as long as I wanted, it would give the landlord the asking price they wanted if they chose to sell the land under my home, and it would ensure long-term affordable homeownership in your District.

The cost of administering this bill is very small (\$50,000 or less/year), and yet the benefit to your constituents is enormous. HB 1100 passed the floor of the House in 2020, there is no reason not to support a bill that ensure long term affordable housing in Washington.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

2. **Everyone should sign in to the committee hearing with a PRO to support this bill. Everything is remote so it is very easy to sign in to support HB 1100.** Here is a step by step guide:

How to sign in from your computer:

1. Go to the Legislative Home Page: www.leg.wa.gov
2. Click on “Participating in Committee Hearings” on the right of the screen
3. Click on “Register to Testifying in a Virtual Hearing”
4. Click on “HOUSE”
5. Click on Appropriations in the drop down menu beside “Committee”
6. Click on 01/25 at 3:30pm in the drop down menu beside “Meeting”
7. Click on the button beside HB 1100
8. Click on “I would like my position noted for the legislative record”
9. You will then be given a series of boxes to complete regarding your name, etc. – be sure to choose **PRO** in the first drop down box in the section.
10. When you have filled in your contact details click the SUBMIT box.
11. Then finally click the “I’m Done” box.

Please sign in PRO on HB 1100 as soon as possible – the process is available now but you need to do it before 2pm on Jan 25 – so why not do it now.