

Testimony on HB 604 Loans for ADUs

I am a parent of three children all in the 30s, all hard-working, independent people with good jobs. None can afford to buy a house, and two are stuck paying crushing large rents.

At the other end of the age spectrum, an increasing number of people over 65 are cost-burdened, largely due to housing costs, and more each day are slipping into poverty or even homelessness.

I support an “all of the above” strategy to expand our housing stock. Enabling loans for ADUs must be considered. Housing stability is the key to many aspects of well-being. It is a smart investment in our state, and will keep social welfare costs down in the long run. And keep talented, energetic workers like my kids in the state.