



## Senator Tim Knopp

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### **Knopp Testifies in Support of SB 516** *Supports Regional Equity in Affordable Housing*

**Salem, OR** – This morning, Senator Tim Knopp (R- Bend) testified in support of SB 516, which received a public hearing in the Senate Finance & Revenue Committee. Knopp is a chief sponsor of the bill, along with Representative Knute Buehler (R- Bend) and Representative Gene Whisnant (R- Sunriver). The bill will help to bring regional equity in affordable housing.

"Affordable housing is crucial for economic development in our state, especially in light of the dramatically uneven recovery of Oregon's economy. This bill supports a fair and equitable path forward for promoting affordable housing across Oregon." said Knopp is his testimony.

SB 516 ensures that fee money collected from Affordable Housing projects is used for the benefit of the county it originated in. This bill will help to promote equity in affordable housing, especially rural Oregon. "Encouraging affordable housing across the state requires that we assure rural Oregon that the metro area will not be the primary beneficiary of their contributions to affordable housing." Knopp said.

Senator Knopp was previously in the Legislature from 1999 to 2005 for three terms, including one as Oregon House Majority Leader, where he led the PERS Reforms of 2003 that saved taxpayers billions. He was appointed to the Education and Workforce Development and Health Care and Human Services committees for the 2013 Legislative Session. Tim was elected to his first term in the Oregon State Senate in November 2012. Senate District 27 encompasses the Central Oregon communities of Bend, Redmond, Sunriver, and Tumalo.

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