



## ALERT BY MHOA AND LAT

Manufactured Home Owners Legislative Alert

Greetings everyone and Happy New Year!

Well, the 2018 Legislative session starts on Monday Jan 8 and we are fortunate that one of our main bills (**HB 1798 – Opportunity to Purchase**) is having a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee on **Wednesday Jan 10 at 8am.**

It is very exciting that this bill is being heard during the first week of session – this is a good indication of how important the Committee Chair and others view this bill.

If you care about being able to live in your manufactured housing community for the long-term and if you want security of tenure and reasonable rents, then please do what you can to **come to Olympia on Wed Jan 10 and sign in PRO on HB 1798.**

The bill will be heard in **Hearing Room A of the John L O'Brien Building** and it would be good if you could be there around 7:45am so that you can sign in PRO, even if you do not want to testify. We need to have as many people as possible at this hearing so that all the committee members see how important it is for us.

For those of you who simply cannot make it to Olympia on Wednesday, here is a way for you to sign in and send your PRO comment from the comfort of your own home:

<http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1798&Year=2017>

Simply click on this link and then click on “Comment on this bill” (on the right in the middle of the screen). Then follow the prompts to fill in your name, address, legislative district, etc. and that you are PRO on HB 1798. This is the only bill you need to concern yourself with at this time.

Our other main priority (HB 1514 – longer notice of closure) is in House Rules. We will send out another alert if/when action is required on that bill.

We had been informed that SHB 1884 (Relocation Assistance) would be heard in the House Community Development, Housing and Tribal Affairs Committee on Wed Jan 10, but that is no longer the case. If things change we will let you know, so be sure to check your email often.

We understand that only a few days’ notice of hearings is not much time for people, but really we get these Alerts out as soon as we can – we only heard about the Hearing on HB 1798 on Thursday morning.

Here is a link to the members of the Judiciary Committee:

<http://leg.wa.gov/House/Committees/JUDI/Pages/MembersStaff.aspx>

If you live in their district, then please take the time to call them and ask them to give their full support to HB 1798 – we need to save our communities and this bill could make that happen. We have attached a one pager explaining more about the bill – please use these pointers in your emails/phone calls to your legislators.

We will get Alerts out on a frequent basis. This is a short session, so things will be fast and furious. Please do everything you can to respond appropriately and in a timely manner when you get the Alerts.

For now – please come to Hearing Room A, John L. O’Brien Building on Wed Jan 10 at 7:45am and sign in PRO on HB 1798 or failing that, use the link above and sign in PRO from home – this can be done in advance of the Hearing.

Sent to all AMHO/MHOA members by the Legislative Planning Group (members of which include, Don Carlson, John Dawson, Bob Ashmore, Ginny Leach, Gary Lunde, Birte Olsen, Ken Squire, Liz Swearingen, Jan Sylvester, Judith White, Kylin Parks (AMHO Consultant) and Ishbel Dickens).

**In 2018 we will be splitting our membership into sections and sending our renewals not by your anniversary date but by sections. This will better enable us to budget our expenses by getting us a more equal monthly income.**



## **BILLS**

**2018 Legislative Action will start January 7, 2019 so expect many Alerts coming your way! Do not forget to vote! Your Hotline Number is 1-800-562-2000!**