Increase the availability of safe, affordable, accessible, housing for people with disabilities

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**ISSUES:**

- One out of every 5 adults have a disability
- Approximately 75% of all people with disabilities are not employed
- 16.9% of Oklahoma’s overall population live below poverty
- 22.7% are people with disabilities living under 100% of poverty
- 30.4% are people with disabilities living under 125% of poverty
- The maximum monthly income for an individual receiving SSI is $733
- Most SSDI recipients receive between $300 and $2,200. The average payment is $1,165
- According to the National Fair Housing Alliance, 51.80% of all discrimination complaints were connected to disability concerns in 2014
- The availability to safe affordable, accessible, housing is in high demand

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Amend state statute 74-2901.(1) to include accessible housing for people with disabilities as Legislative intent
- Amend state statute 74-2901.(A) to include people with disabilities who are in need of obtaining safe, decent, accessible, and affordable, housing
- Amend state statute 74-2902.(State Housing Trust Fund) to include accessible housing for people with disabilities as a priority for utilization of trust funds
- Amend state statute 74-2901.(3) (Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee) to include at least one representative of the Centers for Independent Living
- Amend state statute 74-2901.(4)(A)(4) (Statewide Housing Strategy) to require the strategy to be coordinated with at least one of the local Centers for Independent Living
- Amend state statute 74-2901(4)(A)(5) to require Oklahoma’s Housing Strategy to prioritize the development of safe, affordable, and accessible housing for people with disabilities

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