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## **How Can I Have a Safe, Affordable Place to Live?**

Individuals with disabilities need safe, affordable, inclusive, and accessible places to live. Because most people with I/DD are considered extremely low-income and live on Supplemental Security Income (SSI)- \$967 a month or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI). Only 6 % of the housing in the US is accessible. A recent report shows that there are no housing markets in the US that a person living on SSI can afford. Here in Washington, housing costs continue to skyrocket, making it out of reach for many without rental subsidies. This makes finding housing challenging.

The state has not adequately invested in affordable housing for individuals with I/DD and now faces a deficit of more than 37,000 units. We need to ensure that we have enough safe, affordable, inclusive, and accessible housing for individuals to live in our communities.

**What We Need:** We need significant investments in affordable, accessible housing for individuals with I/DD.

### **What you should watch for this session:**

- Create an ongoing revenue source for DD housing
- \$50 million in the Housing Trust Fund for DD Housing
- Provide rent stabilization (HB 1217 SB 5222)

NPR recently did an excellent story that gives a good **overview of housing for people with disabilities**, we encourage you to take the time to watch it.

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