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It has come to my attention the Oregon Legislature my consider SB 91

As usual little attention has been paid in the bill as to what it will do to the small landlord.

Requiring a small owner as well as the some of the big guys to take Section 8 applicants will cause many problems.

To meet the requirements for section 8 it could cost 1 to 2 K per unit. Also rental demographics show that section 8 renters tend to be transient in nature and most move after a year. This will cost more in rent up fees, painting, credit checks ECT.

For a small landlord who has a few properties and margins are small. These costs will adversely impact the bottom line. This may make it imposable to keep our properties. The added cost to the small owner's bottom line will for sure decrease the States revenues.

Second, not only is the felon language vague and in our Law Suit happy society will cause more law suits.

Statistics show us, most felons repeat over and over again. As an owner of a small property I should have the right to keep it criminal free. And my renters especially those with children should expect to be able to not have to live next door to a felon.

SB 91 in my way of thinking makes section 8 renters and Felons a protected class.

I am hoping you will give SB 91 deep thought and come to the conclusion that if it isn't broken don't fix it and vote no on SB 91.

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