

HOUSE BILL 2706

Letter of Testimony to:
Oregon Senate Business & Transportation Committee

ATTACHMENT: electronic exchange that produced this document, especially the content related to the draconian content of this bill and lack of public input..

THIS BILL SHOULD DIE.

This document is being submitted on very short notice, and therefore there is nothing to attach but the communication(s) that provoked it. Given time, i could submit materials related to experiences with the law as it stands showing extreme bias & prejudice in favor of the landlord, i.e. the storage facility owner.

An eviction, or threat thereof, is an opportunity for the landlord to rent at a higher rate without opposition, however for the tenant it can represent a substantial disruption, and more, in their life. There is a human consequence not reflected in a strict business/property view which the law currently reflects, i.e. the thirty (30) notice can be a weapon of destruction. Storage is not unrelated to housing, storing possessions/ personal property that might be necessary for the life of the renter, whereas the house stores both the person and possessions. Exploiting a vulnerable population by those in control of a basic necessity of life is not in the spirit of fair competition, and, i believe a case could be made that the landlord/storage owner population has a substantial financial and personal security advantage over the renter which the law is not taking into account. **Late payment penalty can give an unfair advantage to the storage facility owner that is completely unrelated to the intent to pay.**

Personally, i'm intimidated enough not to put my name on this document for fear of retribution, and that reflects very badly on the perceived morality of the lawmakers, i.e. it is neither reasonable or credible that this legislation would pass the House without opposition (vote: 48-0).

Thank you for the opportunity to bring the foregoing to the attention of this committee.