

I attended the session last night and came as an observer and to support the opposing side of the bill. But I was appalled by all the testimonies by tenants who lived in homes with habitability issues and then get slapped with unfair eviction notices.

I am a small private landlord and have been since 1986. I love my tenants and I believe they love me. My rents have always been fair and below the market standards. I encourage them to notify me if there are any problems or necessary repairs that need attention. I wish I had enough rental properties to help the honest tenants who have been wrongly evicted.

On the other hand I have experienced numerous cases of less quality tenants who have taken advantage of my kindness and damaged my homes extensively. I have literally gone broke a few times because I was unable to recover the losses. There is obviously good and bad on both sides.

I have five stick built rentals that I proudly offer as clean high quality rentals. I live in a 1971 single wide mobile home and would some day enjoy living in one of my higher quality homes. I do not believe it's fair that I should have to pay to relocate my tenants when I have been more than fair all along.

I believe we need laws to protect tenants but not the way hb2004 is currently written. Responsible landlords shouldn't suffer at the account of vindictive landlords. The Bill should be written to clamp down on landlords who do not comply with habitability laws and evict because of it. We all heard that the No Cause notice is very necessary in some instances. There must be a happy medium somewhere, somehow.

Kind regards and thank you for listening to my view and considering my proposal,

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