

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information to the Committee in advance of the meeting tomorrow in regard to HB 2006.

My name is Kenny McLemore, and I live in Portland. I relocated here last summer with my wife because she was offered a position to teach at the OHSU School of Dentistry.

We love Oregon. Soon after I arrived, I began volunteering at the [Welcome Home Coalition](#). They recently asked me to take a look at the issues behind HB 2006 for them, and the attached two-pager is what I came up with. To my knowledge this document has not been circulated otherwise in any form, so please see this as one just private constituent's view of reasons to support this bill. I just wanted to explain the reason it is written the way it is. It is certainly the best way for me to offer my own personal observations to you all now.

My own professional career has made me an observer and advocate on various housing issues for over a generation now, since the mid-1980's, starting out in Nashville, Tennessee. In my most recent professional position, I served as a housing policy analyst and administrator of federal homelessness grants for the City of Richmond, Virginia. This is the perspective I have brought to assembling the attached two-pager, which I hope you will have time to consider. This work is mine alone, but reflects the context I hope you will consider as you vote on this issue.

I very much appreciate your consideration of the attached information on this important housing issue.

In gratitude.

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