

Please vote no on HB 2004.

This is obviously a well intended bill, but it is rife with predictable unintended consequences that will hurt Oregon renters in the long run. The restrictions HB 2004 would put on landlords will result in higher costs of doing business. As business owners, landlords, one way or another, pass along costs to tenants. Furthermore, limiting rental rates in an already tight market will exacerbate the situation by discouraging the development of additional rental unit supply. This effect would be especially noticeable in the single family house market, where margins are tight and single family properties can easily be resold to homeowners, thereby reducing the rental pool.

Thank you,
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