

To: House Committee on Human Services and Housing, Chair, Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer
From: Donna Cohen
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Re: HB 2004

I am writing in support of HB 2004, which will insure some small amount of security to those renters on-month-to-month leases. Certainly, residential property owners should not have unlimited rights to treat tenants however they wish. Housing is a necessity and some safeguards must be in place for those who rent. HB 2004 outlines those circumstances in which a tenant's lease may be terminated and the parameters for receiving notice. Numerous exceptions give the owner reasonable opportunity to assert the right to terminate a tenancy for cause.

Tenants should not be subject to losing a residence arbitrarily. HB 2004 simply provides tenants the security and dignity of having cause for terminating their tenancy documented and also provides for reasonable timelines for vacating housing, especially given our housing market. Further, it provides safeguards in the form of penalties to landlords who do not follow these restrictions.

It is little enough for us to provide Oregonian renters.

Thank you.

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