

Hello,

I own and rent property in Hood River county. I oppose bill HR 2004-A as written and urge legislators to reconsider its details. It is unreasonable to ask landlords to pay for tenant relocation, especially if a tenant is being asked to leave for cause. This bill as written undermines any kind of lease or contract between tenant and landlord. A contract is a contract. A tenant knows when a contract is up and will have to make other arrangements. Likewise for a landlord.

I agree the rental market in popular areas of OR are difficult and have personally struggled with it as renter myself. However, this is NOT the solution. This will not create more rental properties, in fact it is more likely to do the opposite.

Please reconsider giving counties a blank slate on determining rent control measures - this is likely to create more housing disparity rather than less.

Also, there is a big difference in how business is conducted by small family rental business who have closer relationships with tenants and who's lively hood depends on this business as compared to corporate rental businesses which have additional financial and legal resources and no relationship with tenants other than a written contract. These types of businesses need different considerations.

I know changes need to be made but this bill needs serious reconsideration and attention to its far-reaching implications.

Regards,
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