

Senate Committee on Human Services

May 5, 2017

House Bill 2004 Relating to Residential Tenancies

Chair Gelser and members of the Committee,

I would like to voice my support for HB 2004.

As a native Oregonian, born and raised in Portland, I love living here and have never been as scared for my housing security as I am now. I have seen my rent rise every year and am now being squeezed out of my neighborhood because of price- even as a working professional. I am finding it harder and harder to afford rent in my own city on my current salary, and would not know what I would do if I experienced a no-cause eviction or a drastic rent increase again. My dreams of every owning a home have dissolved and now I am just trying to be able to afford rent for livable space in my city.

Please vote YES on HB 2004. Housing is a human right and it's time to do right by renters; protect them from the cruelty of no-cause evictions and extreme rent increases.

Sincerely,

Hannah Rosenau