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Feb 13 HB 4006 Work Session Comment: Severe Renter Cost Burden Data Now Available for All 90 Members of Oregon House and Senate and For Cities With Population >10,000.

Good morning, this is Tom Cusack in Lake Oswego. I am a retired Oregon HUD Field Office Director and write the Oregon Housing Blog.

I am offering a comment for the Tuesday House Human Services and Housing Committee scheduled work session for HB 4006.

Last week I forwarded a chart showing renter severe cost burden data for the members of the House Human Services and Housing Committee; the comments I made, including the graph, are now pasted HERE as part the meeting materials for the Thursday February 8 public hearing: <https://apps.leg.state.or.us/liz/2018R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/142544>

Renter Severe Cost Burden Data, Cities with Population Greater Than 10,000

On Friday February 9th I added a post with an Excel file that shows renter severe cost burden data for 47 Oregon cities with population above 10,000, and a breakout of 27 of those cities where more than 25% of renter households had severe cost burdens.

That post is HERE:

<http://oregonhousing.blogspot.com/2018/02/renter-cost-burden-data-for-47-cities-w.html>

Renter Severe Cost Burdens, All 90 Oregon House and Senate Member District Data

I published this morning (Monday, February 12) a new post which contains a new Excel workbook with easy to use pulldowns to allow finding of renter cost burden for **any** of the 90 members of the Oregon House and Senate. A column to the right allows the district renter cost burden data to be compared to statewide data for Oregon.

That post can be found HERE:.

<http://oregonhousing.blogspot.com/2018/02/a-first-lookup-renter-housing-cost.html>

The renter cost burden data I have posted is the most currently published data (Dec 2017), and that data is updated annually by the Census Bureau.

All of these posts demonstrate that renter cost burden data is readily available. at multiple geographic levels and is frequently updated, *so there should be no question as to availability, replicability, or timeliness.*

For those reasons I strongly support the approval of HB 4006.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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