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Members of the Human Services and Housing Committee –

Rent control will not decrease the shortage of housing in Oregon. In fact, it will increase housing shortages. This has been proven time and time again.

Tying the hands of the property owners, who are the ones stuck with the bills for replacing items and repairing damages caused by tenants is a great and effective way to get those of us who own rental property to sell their investments and reinvest in another state that is without rent control.

The only time we have raised rents is when more regulations, taxes, and fees are tacked onto us from bills like this. Before all these regulations started multiplying, we didn't raise rents at all on our tenants who paid on time. We even gave tenants the month of December off since they were such good tenants whom we didn't want to lose. Unfortunately, those days are gone.

Why do you want to put a cap on rent increases when there is no cap on how much damage a tenant can cause to your building/property? This is just one of the reasons why SB needs a NO vote.

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