

Committee members –

I have read multiple posted testimonies regarding LC-18 from tenants and advocates who are begging for the bill to be passed.

My question is; how many of these tenants communicated with their landlords to work out some kind of payment plan? It appears they simply want the big hammer of government to break the contracts these people signed when they rented the property instead of trying to work it out with the landlords themselves first.

As another person's testimony stated: "So many times you have tried to change PERS only to be told by the Oregon Supreme Court you can't change an existing contract."

I ask you; what makes the existing contracts between tenants and landlords any different?