

LC18: Support Reimagine OR's amendments

Dear Committee,

I support the passage of an amended version of LC18, following the recommendations from Reimagine Oregon. For example, I very much disagree that renters - in a pandemic - should be required to fill out a form and notify their landlord if they're cash-strapped due to Covid-19. This concession would really hurt the intent of the eviction moratorium, which is already not protecting enough against evictions.

Based on my experience I believe renters need those extra protections. As I'm looking around for information on these renter policies and, I just know there are probably tens of thousands of the most vulnerable renters out there who are not very informed of what their rights are.

I think landlords should be required to tell all tenants that tenants are protected by a moratorium.

I do not think that suddenly when July hits,

landlords who just received state monies should be able to start evicting. Preventing evictions like these is crucial to limiting societal and individual damage in the next years.

I agree with, and demand the proposed amendment put forth by Reimagine Oregon that tacks on at least another year, and required mediation, for payments of back rent. In this economic climate, many people are not going to be able to have that back rent ready, it's just blatantly obvious in so many cases.

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