

Dear Co-Chairs Beyer and Fahey and all committee members,

My name is Nancy Inglehart. I own a manufactured home in a privately owned park where I rent the land. I am considered a tenant. I serve on the board of Oregon State Tenants Association which represents people who own manufactured and floating homes in communities who pay rent on the land/water space. I am also a mediator with East County Resolutions in the City of Gresham.

I am here to ask that the legislature provide funding that would bring housing providers and tenants together to resolve disputes before eviction is filed.

I have had the opportunity to participate in landlord Tenant mediations and understand the power of mediation. Over the past four years I have had the opportunity to repeatedly see the positive impact mediation has. Unlike in court, participants are empowered to make decisions that make the most sense for them, led by an impartial mediator. The sense of accomplishment parties feel when they seek counsel, and then resolve their issues is powerful and creates durable outcomes. The success rate for mediations is around 93%.

I ask you to please fund eviction prevention mediation to get in front of eviction filing before courts and help parties make decisions for themselves.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Inglehart