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**Support SB 282A
Critical Protections for Renters Today and Tomorrow**

Oregon's recovery has been uneven

- Small and large property owners and stock market investors are seeing huge gains in equity and returns.
- Higher and middle-income households were able to build up savings during the shut-down.
- Meanwhile, job prospects for lower-income Oregonians are projected to remain dim into 2023 according to the February economic forecast.
- The increased effect of COVID on low-wage workers has meant that BIPOC Oregonians - who constitute a disproportionate number of essential workers - are facing a housing, hunger and health care crisis.
- As testified by Coalition of Communities of Color, housing instability disproportionately impacts renters of color, building on centuries of systemic inequities. Oregonians of color are already disproportionately affected by homelessness, housing cost burdens, and housing discrimination, and they face economic disparities that give them little to fall back on in times of crisis.

Protection needed today

The eviction moratorium ends on June 30th, 2021. Senate Bill 282A will keep people safe in their homes by extending the grace period for repayment of back rent. Without SB 282A, eviction proceedings could start in July for people not yet caught up on back rent owed due to lost jobs or income during the COVID era. SB 282A will prevent evictions, allowing time for nearly half a billion dollars in federal rent assistance to reach landlords.

Protection for tomorrow

Falling behind on rent or enduring an unfair eviction during COVID should not mean a lifetime of housing instability. As Oregon's housing market continues to favor higher income Oregonians, it will become increasingly difficult to find new housing in the event of an eviction.

Good Bill

- SB 282A extends the grace period to pay COVID-era back rent through February, 2022
- SB 282A allows families and others displaced by COVID, wildfire or other crisis to temporarily share housing without fear of eviction, within the parameters of local, state, or federal law.
- SB 282A protects COVID-era rental and credit records from being used against people when they apply to rent in the future.
- SB 282A protects the most accurate methods to determine application eligibility after a time of economic crisis: references from prior landlords, background checks, credit checks unrelated to back-due rent during the grace period, and other due diligence to determine application eligibility.
- The bill was a negotiated compromise between landlord and tenant advocates, and has no organized opposition.

The Stable Homes for Oregon Families Coalition urges you to vote yes on SB 282A.

Thank you.

