

As a local business owner I oppose SB 282-1. The pandemic has caused enough damage to people, households, the rental industry and businesses over the past year. A Bill like this does not deal with the actual cause of the pandemic housing crisis we are faced with (the inability to pay rent). This Bill would further inhibit the property owners and business owners like myself from continuing to employ people to pay rent and other daily expenses. Over the past year we have done all we can do to maintain our staff (even at a loss). We take our employees employment extremely serious and do not want to be faced with being a contributor to our employees inability to continue with there day to day life. The pandemic has caused enough anguish, pain, suffering and change. Our property owners need to have revenue in order to use our services which employs our employees. With a continuing down turn in property spending (due to lack in rents) we may be forced to lay people off (more people in the unemployment lines). Extending grace periods, continuing the 10-day non payment termination notice, prohibiting landlords from considering FED'S during the covid period in screening ETC, will cause nothing more then more people unemployed with no ability to pay rent worsening the housing crisis. It seems to me that this emergency is being used as a scape goat to change laws that have no relation to keeping people housed during this crisis. SB 330 would be an actual solution for struggling renters who need help.