

March 4, 2021

RE: SB 282-1

Dear Committee Members

I understand that there has been a proposal in SB 282-1 to extend the grace period for repayment of back rent as well as continue the temporary 10-day non-payment termination notice to February 2022, in addition to many other provisions surrounding rentals in the State of Oregon. SB 282-1 does not address the root cause of the COVID-19 housing crisis: inability to pay rent. Changing current laws is unrelated to keeping people housed during this crisis and doesn't solve the problems at hand.

I own a property management company in Bend and currently manage 450 units in Bend and Redmond. As of today, I only have 3 tenants that owe back rent from previous months (January & February 2021). My numbers tell me that this bill is unnecessary to help the tenants of Deschutes County, it is just not needed.

The goal here seems to be getting help to those affected by COVID-19. I ask you to oppose SB 282 and instead focus on the #1 issue that is driving housing instability now, past due rent.

Please support SB 330 which is a real solution for struggling renters who need help.

Sincerely,

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