

Landlords are a key part of providing affordable, sustainable housing. The state of Oregon must think of not only tenants, but also landlords, when it develops proposed legislation. There has been much change to tenant/landlord law in the state, and much of it has been reactionary. Reactionary to COVID, reactionary to the fires. The result is many long-term, strong landlords are selling their homes, liquidating their assets, and leaving the state. They are investing elsewhere, in other states-states where the leadership is responsibly ensuring both tenants and landlords needs are met. The ultimate result of the tenant/landlord laws in Oregon is out of state/absentee landlords buying the assets, because they are the people who are most likely to afford the inflated prices. These are people who do not understand the local economies, rental markets, etc. It makes for an unfavorable situation for tenants, to be sure. So, to sum up how this goes: the government imposes laws/regulations they say are meant to protect tenants, when they in fact harm the very people they are meant to protect. What a shame. I do hope our leadership will wake up before it is too late.