

Subject: Yes on SB 282-1

Chair Jama, Co-Chair Linthicum, members of the Committee,

My name is Lisa Yimm and I live in SE Portland, OR. I am one of the tens of thousands of Oregonians who is a renter and has struggled financially during the COVID pandemic. My entire industry - the live event/entertainment industry - has been wiped out. We were the first to go out and we will be the last to go back to full time employment.

Thank you for your work to help give people like me more time to get back on our feet.

Renters need more time to pay back rent. It's impossible to get fully caught up by July. We need protection from COVID-era black marks on our credit and rental history, and protection from landlord retaliation. And during this ongoing emergency, we need the ability to share housing when it's necessary, without risking eviction.

Personally, I need to move due to our household breaking up and it is nearly impossible to convince a new leasing agent that regardless of whether my current unemployment claim is set to expire or how much I have in savings (because I was planning on this eventuality), that I will continue to pay rent on time.

Please help the many renters on Oregon weather this pandemic and emerge without the baggage of eviction or destroyed credit. How many more of us will lose stability and safety if not protected?

Thank you for your attention to this issue.