

I believe that the extension of the moratorium can't wait - passing SB 282-1 is key in ensuring that we are able to disperse the \$400 million in rent relief to our most-impacted Oregonians. Most Oregonians are trying to pay their rent - data shows that more than 60% of Oregonians have been trying to pay their rent since the onset on the pandemic, with a growing number of them having to borrow from family and friends, sale treasured possessions, or use assistance to meet their basic needs. We cannot afford to penalize people for not having enough money during the economic downfall of a generation. Penalizing the low-income Oregonians is wrong - despite the state opening up more, we know we are not going back to the normal of before, the one that had us in a housing state of emergency for more than a half decade and had thousands of Oregonians on the brink of houselessness. Working Oregonians now more than ever cannot afford evictions. Evictions at this time are unfathomable and costly. Oregonians will be fighting to recover from this for years to come without strong tenant protections. Passing this bill is part of ensuring low-income Oregonians aren't penalized for trying to survive during this pandemic.