



Testimony in Support of House Bill 3113  
House Committee on Housing

Speaker of the House Tina Kotek  
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Chair Fahey, members of the committee, the Legislature passed a landmark rent stabilization bill during the 2019 session with Senate Bill 608. The goal was to provide predictability and stability for tenants so they can plan for their futures, stopping the extreme unexpected rent increases or no-cause evictions that had been severely disrupting people's lives.

The bill included language that provided certain exemptions for the rent increase caps, including when the rent is subsidized by a federal, state, or local government program. While the hope was that existing regulations would protect low-income individuals living in subsidized housing from burdensome rent increases, it is now clear there are gaps in those protections. If we are to stay true to the principles outlined in Senate Bill 608, this needs to change.

House Bill 3113 would provide technical changes designed to ensure that we are protecting Oregonians in subsidized affordable housing units. Providers and advocates have been working on consensus language that would not substantively change the policy we passed in 2019. Instead, it would extend certainty for low-income Oregonians who need protection from dramatic rent increases.

I look forward to the ongoing conversation that I hope will move forward with urgency. Thank you for considering this bill.