



Chair Dexter, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Helfrich, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Evelyn Estrada and I am the Political Director at Pro-Choice Oregon. As an organization, we believe that healthcare is a human right and that all people in Oregon should have access to the full spectrum of Reproductive Healthcare services & Reproductive Justice. One of the principles of Reproductive Justice is addressing intersecting oppressions with the understanding that for a person to thrive they need to have a safe environment that includes affordable and stable housing; this is why we support HB 2001.

We know that our communities are already facing historical and systemic barriers to jobs, housing, health care, opportunity and wealth, and are paying an unfair price for Oregon's unfair and rushed eviction laws. This is why we are particularly writing to urge support of Sections 14-26 of HB 2001, which contain essential and reasonable negotiated improvements to Oregon's eviction statutes to promote stability and payment rather than displacement and eviction. These Sections of the bill:

- Expand the time after a notice of nonpayment before being taken to court from 72 hours to 10 days.
- Provide that nonpayment eviction notices and court forms should include information about where to find rent assistance and legal assistance, and provide access to translation of these forms.
- Amend first appearance and trial timelines to ensure that tenants have a greater chance of finding help before their hearing.
- Provide that an eviction case will be dismissed if payment is made before final judgment.
- Make the default judgment process more fair.
- Streamline the eviction sealing process for those who qualify for sealing, removing a procedural barrier to future housing stability.

In closing, passage of HB 2001 will enhance our capacity to respond to youth homelessness, create innovative approaches to addressing housing supply barriers, and provide reasonable and critical measures to help prevent eviction-caused homelessness. The bill reflects the urgency of the crisis too many Oregonians are living with due to lack of housing, inadequate services, and eviction statutes designed for displacement instead of stability.

Thank you to the legislature and to Gov. Kotek for your fast action on this package to help our communities respond to the crisis of homelessness and to improve stability and safety for individuals and families across the state. Supporting this bill means supporting family stability and reducing the probability of losing everything to eviction. I thank you for your consideration on this matter and hope you vote yes on HB 2001.

Sincerely,
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