



Oregon Women's Rights Coalition

SB 67- Tax Credit for Landlords-Oppose

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson and Members of the Committee

The Oregon Women's Right Coalition has spent many hours observing the Legislative Revenue Committee and the Tax Expenditure Committees dealing with tax credit.

After listening to the testimony provided on this bill we urge you to oppose the tax credit and instead ask Oregon Housing and Community Services to clarify just how many landlords who applied for the Landlord Funding did not receive the 100%.

As was discussed during the hearing, SB 278 changed the compensation to 100 for landlords but it also required OHCS to reimburse landlords for the 20% initially withheld.

We do not think that a tax credit should be utilized in this situation.

The written and verbal testimony given in committee lacks clarity on just how much of a problem this tax credit it trying to solve. There were no real figures. How many of the 275,000 units were in payment default. How many of the two thousand members were affected by the potential lack of 20% additional payment.

Either the Ways and Means Committee or the Emergency Board should be able to provide OHCS the funding to make the landlords who might have fallen through the cracks with the 20% additional payment whole.

OHCS should be able to match the initial set of landlord compensation payments with the list of payments made for the additional 20%.

The proponent, Senator Lynn Findley, seems to think this bill will make those landlords who might have been missed for the 20% whole. We are unclear that this is the case. No where in the bill does it seem to require a landlord to have applied and been reimbursed from the Landlord Compensation Fund.

Facts and figures seem to be missing. No where in the written or verbal testimony do we know how many of the 275,000 units would have been in eviction procedures were it not for the moratorium. Likewise, no figures were given for the 2000 members who were not paid the additional 20%.

Prior to the pandemic 16,000-17,000 evictions for nonpayment occurred in Oregon. During the pandemic but after the moratorium agencies working with those who were facing eviction reported 2500 calls per month.<sup>1</sup>

Please submit a bill asking OHCS to look for those who might have been missed in the additional payment authorized by SB278 in June 2021. A tax credit is not the proper way to remedy this situation.

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