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I oppose SB 611. It is ridiculous that a landlord would have to pay a tenant and monies at all to move-out. More so to triple the "award". Given the requisite notice--90 days in most sections of the existing bill--tenants should have ample opportunity to find housing. For the moment, this does not immediately impact me as I have only one rental and tenants have amicably moved (I gave them four months' notice and waited an additional two years beyond that for them to vacate. I know I'm an exceptionally patient landlord. And, for now, SB 611 doesn't impose a hardship on me, only those owning more than four units. But I have to opine that, A) there is nothing suggesting an emergency--just another manipulation to limit our rights to referendum; and B) someday, some power-mad legislature may decide even my holdings are subject to their whims.

This Bill will have a negative effect on rents and available housing. The more onerous the restrictions, the fewer properties will be available to rent. Better to consider granting landlords funding to build more. Or grants to cover a portion of rental rates for the under-employed, or the un-housed. **SCRAP THIS BILL.** Don't be oppressors! Think like capitalists. Make it attractive to those with the means to provide more housing.