

Submitter: Judith Hargreaves Bruns

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: SB611

Chair Fahey, Vice-Chairs Breese-Iverson and Kropf, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Judith Hargreaves Bruns, and I am testifying in support of SB 611B.

When I moved into my apartment at the Eugene hotel, which is a senior retirement community, the rent increase was 3% every year. When the new owners took over, they waffled between 3 and 4% and then settled at market rate.

This means a 14% rent hike for myself and other residents, which translates into \$220-\$330 more each month.

I, like most residents here, live on a fixed income. Although I have cut my personal costs as much as possible, my expenses plus a \$220 rent increase will wipe out my Social Security check. Also, I don't know what future rent increases will look like.

Therefore, I urge you to support HB 611B which will keep the current law with a rent increase at 7% plus CPI, but will add a total cap of 10%, whichever is less.

The sad truth is this: support me now or support me when I enter the welfare system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judith Hargreaves Bruns