

Submitter: Hanna Gentile

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB2001

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

My name is Hanna Gentile and I live in Portland. I am an Oregon renter submitting testimony in favor of HB 2001 to help people avoid homelessness and give more people who are living unsheltered the opportunity for safe and stable housing.

The city of Portland continues to move toward further criminalizing houseless, which is an incredibly inhumane way to treat our unhoused neighbors. When you can't pay your rent, you do not simply disappear, as the city of Portland's houseless laws seem to pretend. By helping to keep folks in their homes in the first place, we dramatically lessen the amount of Oregonians who are displaced onto the streets and can focus our energy on providing compassionate, harm-reduction-based aid to those who are currently houseless.

Thank you for hearing this important bill and for considering my testimony. I hope you will listen to renters like me and vote yes on HB 2001.