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Continuing to make landlords bear an increasing risk will have a very predictable effect: the amount of available housing in Oregon will decline. In fact, we are already seeing this as a result of previous legislation. Oregon has been whining about the lack of "affordable housing". Rent controls and other legislated costs are just forcing the small Mom & Pop landlords out of the market. Please stay out of the rental market and it will improve. Market forces will bring prices down, if there is an abundance of housing. But with laws forcing many out of the landlord business, our state is making the problem even worse. If our Oregon legislators think they have to do something, then provide financial aid to renters who are having troubles affording rental costs - don't keep doing things that will just make the problem worse.