



House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

February 3rd, 2025

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

SETA is a non-profit, public service organization dedicated to renters' rights and interests. We provide free community resources, including our free Tenant Hotline, and we directly serve about 220 renter households every month through combinations of several programs.

SETA urges you to vote in support of HB 3054.

Thousands of low-income Oregonians - which historically overwhelmingly are seniors, individuals with disabilities, and working families - rely on manufactured homes as the only option of affordable housing. However, rent prices are sharply increasing and this affordable option is rapidly deteriorating. These residents of manufactured home parks typically own their homes but not the land underneath, which is atypical when compared to market rate and/or brick and mortar housing options.

With that in mind, special consideration must be made for those most vulnerable in our community. Sudden and dramatic rent hikes make it both impossible to live in these parks and also sell the home to find more affordable options. This practice is akin to economic imprisonment to those who already have few options available to them.

Oregon cannot afford to lose any housing options, especially in this economic and housing crisis. **We urge you to vote in support of HB 3054 as a common-sense solution to supporting those most vulnerable in our communities.**

If you'd like to connect with me, please reach out to tmorris@springfieldeugenetenantassociation.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim", is written above a horizontal line.



Timothy Morris
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