



Senate Committee on Housing and Development
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

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Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, 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 240 renter households every month through combinations of several programs.

SETA urges you to support SB 973, SB 31, and SB 32.

SB 937 requires that landlords inform applicants for affordable housing of the date when the property's affordability restrictions end. A second reminder notice will be required to all tenants 30 months in advance of the expiration date. For many families, securing affordable housing means long term stability. But most of Oregon's affordable housing is not guaranteed to be permanent. The notice SB 937 creates will give applicants the critical information they need to understand the long-term stability of their rental agreement.

SB 31 creates a fund to mitigate the impacts of expiring affordability for tenants. These funds can be used flexibly to meet each household's own circumstances. Eligible uses include: helping offset the higher, market-rate rents at a tenant's current property; moving expenses; rental application fees; security deposit and first/last month's rent for a new home.

SB 32 will improve public knowledge of this looming crisis by improving the OHCS preservation dashboard. The data that will be publicly reported will help legislators respond to the problem of expiring affordable housing, and will support the efforts of affordable housing providers that seek to purchase expiring properties in order to keep them affordable.

Again, we urge you to support SB 937, SB 31 and SB 32. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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 "Tim", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Timothy Morris

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