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Thank you so much for introducing a bill supporting tenant relocation throughout the state of Oregon. This policy has been a lifesaver for folks here in Portland and I support implementing it for all Oregonians.

In many ways, however, I do not feel that this bill goes far enough.

Even allowing 7%+CPI per years is disastrous for many tenants. That could amount to about a 10% increase annually. With the cost of healthcare, food, and services always on the rise (healthcare especially!) many working class folks are already struggling to keep up. Often times, if we get an annual raise it merely covers the increase to our healthcare and it can be very difficult to get ahead.

I am also concerned that after 3 warnings a landlord can still evict a tenant. It can take time for working-class folks to respond to landlords given inflexible labor schedules & lack of extra funds between paychecks. I have seen too many situations where landlords have not respected the time of their tenants & have placed unreasonable demands upon them.

I don't think we should be adding exemptions to this rule. Every building & landlord should be subject to the relocation policy. Landlords should respect their tenants, as these folks are paying them steadily throughout the year.

Thank you so much for standing with the tenants & people of Oregon.
Thanks for listening and good luck to you all in 2019.