

Dear legislators, As a local landlord of just one rental in Portland, I am writing in opposition of this bill. It is simply unfair for property owners to continue baring the burden for those who cannot pay rent. In fact, it's causing many property owners to no longer want to provide rental properties, thus causing an even greater shortage of availability. Instead of telling tenants they do not have to pay rent, the government should give renters assistance so that they CAN pay their rent.

SB 282-1 does not address the root cause of the COVID-19 housing crisis: the inability to pay rent. This catastrophic emergency is being used to change laws unrelated to keeping people housed during this crisis. I ask you to oppose SB 282 and instead focus on the #1 issue driving housing instability right now: helping those struggling to pay past due rent. Support SB 330, a real solution for struggling renters who need help.

Thank you,
Melissa Moore