

It is absolutely crucial that we pass SB 282-1, however, it MUST include an extension of the eviction moratorium so that state agencies can fully expend all of the rent relief coming to Oregon. It does not make any sense to have rent relief funds available to help prevent evictions in this crisis while allowing evictions for non-payment to occur. Tenants absolutely need this bill as well as an eviction moratorium extension to even have a chance at recovering from the devastating impacts of this pandemic. Most Oregonians are trying to pay their rent - data shows that more than 60% of Oregonians have been trying to pay their rent since the onset of the pandemic, with a growing number of them having to borrow from family and friends, sell treasured possessions, or use assistance to meet their basic needs. We cannot afford to penalize people for not having enough money during the economic downfall of a generation. Penalizing the low-income Oregonians is wrong - despite the state opening up more, we know we are not going back to the normal of before, the one that had us in a housing state of emergency for nearly a decade and had thousands of Oregonians on the brink of houselessness. Working Oregonians now more than ever cannot afford evictions. Evictions at this time are unfathomable and costly. We, Oregonians, will be fighting to recover from this for years to come without strong tenant protections. Passing this bill is part of ensuring low-income Oregonians aren't penalized for trying to survive during this pandemic. Please do the right thing and pass a SB 282-1 which includes an extension of the eviction moratorium!