

18 March 2021

To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development

Re: Senate Bill 282

Dear Chair Senator Jama, Vice-Chair Senator Linthicum, and members of the Committee:

I am opposed to Senate Bill 282.

*Issues related to rental housing?* Could that be more vague. Or more of a waste of time and effort? Another "study"? Is that actually needed?

It is hard to believe yet more time and effort is needed to study issues related to rental housing. What could those issues possibly be that haven't already been "studied"?

In the current session there are already five House bills covering various aspects of Oregon's tenant's relationship with rental property owners. Including SB 282, there are also two Senate bills covering same. Of those seven bills only one deals with the (possibility of) assisting rental property owners. The majority of the bills are (allegedly) looking out for the interests of tenants only.

In 21st century Oregon, rental property owners have somehow become the bad guys, and based on the last two years it is my guess that if this bill passes, undoubtedly any "study" will dig up yet more reasons why tenants deserve yet more state "protections" from "greedy landlords", while rental property owners—who provide the housing—are left to deal with those consequences as best they can.

What would you suppose the odds are that any "study" coming out of this legislation will investigate the ethics and morality of forcing rental property owners to provide free housing to tenants, which we are currently being forced to do?

Again, I urge the Committee to table this bill.

Sincerely,



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