

SUPPORT COMMERCIAL TENANTS:

Support HB 2966A and Extend the Repayment Period

As a part of the commercial eviction moratorium passed by HB 4213A in the first special session of 2020, back rent accrued during the moratorium (between April 1-September 30, 2020) was due March 31st, 2021. While \$100M was allocated by the E-Board in January 2021 for commercial rent assistance, the first round of assistance (\$50M) was allocated in late April and the second round is open for applications.

Small businesses need more time. Extending the protected repayment period for another six months will provide time for state funds to be allocated through the commercial rent relief program, additional federal dollars to come to small businesses through the American Rescue Plan, and for Oregon to more fully re-open as we make progress against COVID-19.

When passed, HB 2966A will extend the repayment period until September 30th, 2021, protecting commercial tenants from eviction due to back-rent accrued during the moratorium.

