

Hello Chair Fahey, Vice Chairs Campos and Morgan, and members of the committee,

My name is Kristen Sartor and I live in North Portland. I have lived and rented in several different places in SE Portland as well.

HB 2372 is an incredibly important bill to me because it eliminates no cause evictions. We have seen so many people in our city become houseless after dealing with eviction over the past year. This is unacceptable and inhumane. I think about evictions, especially no cause evictions, every time I see people living on the cold streets of Portland.

It is absolutely terrifying to be a renter and to know that the property manager can tell you that you have to evacuate your home at any moment for any reason. This is often done without a thought to how this will affect the renter. Property managers generally do not make sure that renters have a new place to live prior to telling them they have to leave.

Eliminating no cause evictions is also a matter of justice. BIPOC persons have historically owned property at a lower rate than non-BIPOC persons. Protections for renters are protections for BIPOC persons and of course lower income persons as well.

Please do the right thing and ensure that HB 2372 passes so that we can minimize people being needlessly displaced from their homes.

Thank you for your time and service,
Kristen Sartor