

28 February 2021

To: House Committee on Housing

Re: House Bill 2372

Dear Chair Representative Fahey, Vice-Chairs Representatives Campos & Morgan, and members of the Committee:

I am opposed to HB 2372 and strongly urge you to table it. Oregon already has satisfactory laws for tenant eviction under ORS 90.427 as well as satisfactory laws to protect tenants.

A valid and defining comparison to this bill can easily be made using Oregon no fault divorce laws. And before you dismiss this as irrelevant consider that both divorce and eviction are capable of causing disruption in a families life. Most likely more disruption following a dissolution of marriage, yet there is no moratorium on divorce.

Currently a party in a divorce does not does not need to prove the other did something wrong. In fact, a spouse or partner does not even need permission or even the participation of the other to proceed with a divorce.

Similarly, rental property owners do not need to provide an explanation why they want their own personal property back, any more than someone wanting a divorce needs to explain why they want one.

This bill, in keeping with the governor's moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent, promotes and condones and codifies into law, further encroachments on the rights of Oregon tax payer's rights to their privately owned property.

This bill is wrong-headed.

This bill belongs to be tabled with no further time expended in pursuing it.

This bill is totally lop-sided. Legislator's time can be better spent on more pressing matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Wisner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Wisner