

Submitter: Claudette Hills

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB799

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. My name is Claudette Hills and I live in Brookings. I am an Oregonian and proud owner and resident of a manufactured home. Because my home sits on space that is rented from a Manufactured Home Park landlord, my home ownership is often precarious as a result of lack of protections under the Landlord Tenant Act. The affordability crisis has hit us very hard, and without a safe harbor to allow time to seek assistance, a 72 hour eviction notice makes it virtually impossible for us to avoid an eviction filing.

We could never displace our manufactured home to an alternate location, and we would be forced to abandon the home at the park, where the landlord would then become the owner of the unit. If we are evicted, not only do we face de-stabilization and possible homelessness, we lose all ability to benefit from our homes that we own, as what is often our biggest asset.

I am speaking in favor of SB 799 because evictions must be rare and they must be fair. Too many people like me are at risk for homelessness if you do not pass this common-sense bill. We must pass the entire Homelessness Prevention Package to prevent eviction, increase rent assistance, limit rate increases, and increase the data available about Oregon's rental market.

Thank you again for hearing this important bill and allowing us to speak. I hope you will listen to people like me and vote yes on SB 799 and the Homelessness Prevention Package. Thank you for considering the passing of SB 799. Those of us living in our manufactured home parks only wish to be able to enjoy a stable and consistent way of life, and not feel as if our tenancy and homes could be taken away within a 72 hour period without a safe harbor. Faithfully submitted, Claudette Hills