

Submitter: Ashley Zarelli

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB799

Dear [Chair and members of of the Housing Committee],

My name is Ashley Zarelli and I live in Beaverton, Oregon. I am a renter in Oregon and I am writing in support of Senate Bill 799. Evictions in Oregon are skyrocketing in our state to historical rates, increasing homelessness and threatening housing security for hundreds of thousands of tenants across Oregon.

In order to slow the threat of widespread evictions and prevent homelessness, we need reasonable reforms that gives tenants a real chance to stay in their homes and implements some of the lessons from the pandemic. That's why I'm asking for your support of Senate Bill 799.

I have lived in the same house for the last two years, and moving into my 3rd year. I run a successful in home childcare and my wife works as a private contractor in Air BnB. We have two kids of our own and are almost registered to be foster parents. We work hard to make ends meet. Working with our income and only increasing 3% each year doesn't cover the amount of rent increases. We have gone from paying \$1785 to \$2284.00 In 2 yrs. With no upgrades and no one to maintain the fence, water heater, siding panels coming apart and roof shingles needing upkeep. Landlords being allowed to hire others that have no experience or license to jimmy rig something until it can't be anymore. Yet we are loyal renters who keep our home clean and pay our rent on time. I understand that rent increases can be a need in between residence. But penalizing a loyal and trustworthy renter goes unseen as always.

Senate Bill 799 will give tenants a chance to fight unjust evictions and time to get rent assistance when needed.

Sincerely,
Ashley Zarelli