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TO: House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
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RE: HB 3237 Opposition

Since 1927 the Rental Housing Alliance Oregon has set the standard for community participation by landlords who provide affordable and quality housing while also improving the CRAFT of our members: Community - Resources - Advocacy - Forms - Training.

The RHA has over 2,000 members, 62% of whom own just 1-4 units and 81% of whom own 10 or fewer units.

We ask that you take into consideration these small landlords who often have units in differing cities and counties. For a mom-and-pop landlord who has 3 houses they rent to families - 2 in Portland and Gresham, (both in Multnomah County), and 1 in Happy Valley (in Clackamas County), they may have 5 different ordinances to be aware of. That is 5 different screening procedures, sets of paperwork, and fees to screeners. This is just one more task that already overburdened small landlords would have to endure.

Landlord tenant law is better when it is consistent. Portland having its own rules has already caused hardship – please do not compound it.