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I OPPOSE SB 611.

The underlying premise of this bill is that government needs to step in and save renters who are being extorted by landlords when, in reality, everyone is being extorted by government. Renters see increases but do not understand the underlying causes of those increases which are primarily taxes - income and property - city, county, and state. Also permits, utilities, Tri-Met, and every other kind of governmentally imposed cost to doing business. If you truly want to bring rents down, then do your part. Support landlords by lowering taxes, fees, and utility costs. Stop making landlords the scapegoats for bad governmental policies. They are being squeezed from both sides.