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I don't understand why these regulations on landlords and our rental houses must apply to single family dwellings. I can't speak for apartment owners/landlords, but I own two small houses in Oregon, one in Portland and one in Albany. Both houses I bought as a resident to live in them, and then had to move for work reasons beyond my control, so instead of selling them, i chose to rent them out before all these regulations were in place. i chose to rent them out because i thought it would be a good long-term investment for me, to either be able to move back to Oregon someday, or to later help with a mild retirement. I am not wealthy, not even affluent, i'm just someone trying to stay middle class. I never increase rent on my tenants very much anyway, but these relocation rules and making it harder for me to ever be able to someday sell my house or move back into it is absolutely ridiculous. When i first turned my Portland house into a rental in 2009, and the market was horrible and i had to practically give the house away and later the tenant trashed my house, no one came to my rescue. Finally when the market turned in 2014 i thought "it's finally paying off," then Portland created all these pro-renter laws and it's always been a struggle. Then later the same when Oregon became the first rent control state in the nation. Now that's not enough, you have to keep trying to gouge us. the pendulum has to swing the other way in favor of landlords at some point soon, and it should start with not passing this bill.