



RESTORE TRUST IN THE LEGISLATURE VOTE “NO” ON HB 3054

Trust. After all the data and evidence has been fully detailed and vetted, that is what the vote on HB 3054 boils down to today.

Since Oregon became the first state to pass state-wide rent control in 2019, advocates have returned year after year to further demand housing providers further subsidize what the Legislature has refused to do—provide direct assistance to very low-income renters in Oregon’s manufactured home communities.

In the last regular long session, an agreement was reached that rent control advocates declared “was reasonable and balanced” for both renters and providers. Just one session later, they have disowned that agreement and seek to reduce the ceiling for rent increases by 40%—all paid for by the providers.

The issue, said the advocates, as it has been before, is that there are very low-income seniors who struggle to pay for housing. It is a real and serious issue that deserves the attention of the Legislature.

Proposals were offered to directly target that population of residents to provide relief. The response. Not interested.

So here we are today, increasing the likelihood that parks will once again close as they did the last time buildable land prices spiked in the early 2000’s, be sold for redevelopment and put all residents at risk of losing their affordable housing.

For those that remain, other financial benefits offered by providers will continue to wither away. Park owners will have to make up for their soaring costs by no longer paying for residents’ water and sewer services or their garbage bills. Those that have not done so already will likely now shift those costs onto the renters that use those services rather than subsidizing them as many have done for years.

The Legislature should keep the commitment it made in passing SB 611. Continued changes by the Legislature only thrusts more distrust and uncertainty upon those who our state desperately needs to partner with us to dig out of our current housing crisis. HB 3054 just keeps on digging.

Please consider the impact of breaking that commitment made in 2023 and vote NO on HB 3054.

From The Desk Of

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Meek".

Senator Mark Meek