

Oregon House Committee on Housing and Homelessness 900 Court St. NE Salem Oregon 97301

RE: Support for HB 2305

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Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on this legislation. Multifamily NW supports HB 2305 because it provides a reasonable and balanced approach to addressing chronic lease violations and nonpayment challenges while maintaining the integrity of Oregon's rental housing market.

Multifamily NW is the largest association of housing providers in the state, representing nearly 300,000 units and every profession related to the industry — from property managers and owners to landscapers, maintenance professionals and screening companies. Our top priority is to collaborate with public sector leaders to identify and implement proven solutions to Oregon's ongoing housing crisis.

This bill ensures that housing providers have the necessary tools to manage their properties effectively by allowing termination of tenancy after a third material violation or repeated late payment, with 30 days' notice. This "three-strikes" approach offers a clear and fair process, giving tenants multiple opportunities to correct their behavior while ensuring that housing providers are not indefinitely burdened by ongoing lease violations.

Chronic lease violations and habitual late payments create instability not just for housing providers but for entire rental communities. When residents repeatedly fail to follow the terms of their lease agreements, it can impact the safety, maintenance, and financial viability of rental properties.

By providing a clear threshold for enforcement, HB 2305 encourages accountability while allowing providers to protect the well-being of responsible tenants and maintain the quality of their housing. A rental system that fairly addresses repeat violations ultimately benefits all tenants by fostering stable and well-maintained communities.

Housing providers want to keep tenants in their homes, but they also need fair processes to address repeated issues that disrupt property management and community stability. HB 2305 ensures that housing providers are not left without recourse when dealing with tenants who habitually violate their lease agreements or fail to pay rent on time.

By supporting this bill, the Legislature can help create a rental market that is both fair and sustainable. We respectfully encourage your support for HB 2305.

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