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We own 7 rental properties, two of which house tenants who are habitually late with rent. One has not paid rent on time for the past 10 months, and, even then, has not paid his own rent for those 10 months. Instead, he has used an insurance company, Department of Human Services, and Catholic Community Services to pay his rent. After so much frustration with him, we turned the property over to a property manager last November, so we now have that additional expense. The property manager proceeded to take him to court, but he got DHS to agree to continue paying his rent. We were then charged for the court fee! This man is young, single, and capable of employment. He has even stated to us that he does not want to work certain types of jobs. We have become increasingly frustrated with trying to get rent paid on time and have repeatedly considered selling our rental properties and investing in others outside Oregon. Oregon laws are extremely lopsided in favor of tenants, who then abuse the system. The passage of HB2305 would be a tremendous step in the right direction to rectify the discrimination against well-meaning landlords. Please, please, please keep the rental market viable by voting in favor of this bill.