

## **Testimony in Support of House Bill 2134 – The Freedom to Find a Place**

Good afternoon, Chair Marsh and Vice-Chair Anderson and Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson. My name is Jon Pugsley and I'm testifying today in support of House Bill 2134, the Freedom to Find a Place.

I am a single parent with four children residing in Corvallis. Last year I was renting a five-bedroom house and was given a 90-day vacate notice to take effect June 15<sup>th</sup>, which was the last day of my lease. I found an ideal property to move my family to pretty quickly, but the problem was the new property manager needed us to move in by April 1<sup>st</sup>, meaning I would be stuck paying rent for two properties. Most families in Oregon are not able to afford this, and I couldn't either. I had to pass up on the property that was ideal for me and settle for something else in a location that was not ideal, which also resulted in an \$800 a month increase in my rent and a few thousand dollars in order to move.

House Bill 2134 would simply allow for tenants who have been issued a 90-day eviction notice to move out with a 30-day notice to the home that works for them. This bill has bi-partisan support, no fiscal impact, and would allow for families to relocate in a tight and expensive rental market that remains challenging for Oregonians.

I ask for your help to make a small change to statute in order to give families the freedom to find a place, and I am available to answer any questions that you have.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Pugsley', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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