

House Committee On Housing and Homelessness 900 Court St NE Salem, OR 97301 February 16th, 2025

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

SETA is a non-profit, public service organization dedicated to renters' rights and interests. We provide free community resources, including our free Tenant Hotline, and we directly serve about 230 renter households every month through combinations of several programs.

SETA urges you to vote in support of HB 2314.

HB 2314 makes a simple change in the law, allowing for more flexibility in the rental market. If a tenant is given a 90-day notice to vacate a property, they will seek new housing options. If the tenant happens to secure a home early, which is challenging in this current rental market, they are then faced with an impossible situation - either pay rent for two properties at the same exact time or let their new home lapse and gamble that they secure another home at a later date. An already undue financial burden based entirely on a landlord's decision to evict.

HB 2134 provides a simple and easy solution: Allow tenants to provide a 30-day notice to vacate before their 90 days are complete.

This small change would allow tenants to transition smoothly into a newly secured home without requiring double rent to be paid and allowing landlords to fill their now vacant homes faster. This change is especially impactful to those who utilize Housing Choice Vouchers, preventing further destabilization for lower-income renters finding new housing.

This is a simple change with clear bipartisan support. We urge you to vote in support of HB 2314.

If you'd like to connect with me, please reach out to tmorris@springfieldeugenetenantassociation.com. Thank you for your consideration.



Sincerely,

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