



February 17, 2025

Representative Pam Marsh
Chair, House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE, H-474
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Opposition to House Bill 2305

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

The Oregon Housing Alliance urges you to oppose HB 2305, which would put tenants at greater risk of eviction and displacement into an expensive housing market with low vacancy rates, increasing the risk of homelessness.

HB 2305 would allow evictions for violations of a rental agreement, even after the tenant has corrected those violations. Landlords already have myriad tools to evict tenants for serious lease violations and for repeated violations where the tenant is failing to correct their action.

This is a time when we must come together to support solutions to the homelessness crisis, not backward steps. I urge you to vote against HB 2305 and hope you will focus on the collective and critically important work to increase housing supply, preserve existing affordable housing, prevent evictions through rent assistance, and ensure access to supportive services and shelter.

The Oregon Housing Alliance is a statewide coalition of over 100 member organizations, including tenant organizations; affordable housing developers and operators; social service providers and shelter operators; Community Action Agencies; Public Housing Authorities; housing industry businesses and professionals; city and county governments; and community-based nonprofits and advocacy groups.

Our diverse membership is united by the belief that every Oregonian deserves a home that is affordable, stable, accessible and safe. To this end, we urge you to prevent evictions and homelessness by opposing House Bill 2305.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cameron Herrington".

Cameron Herrington
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