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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2305

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

I am writing in opposition to HB 2305, the three-strikes bill, before the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness.

My name is Leilani Dana, and I work with the Jackson Street Youth Services organization in Benton and Linn counties. I specifically work with young adults (18-24) who are, or are at risk of homelessness. My position is dedicated to supporting them in building life skills so that they can transition into our communities as independent adults.

This bill would unjustly impact young, disabled, financially strained, and especially vulnerable populations throughout Oregon. Many of the young adults I work with already face numerous barriers to finding housing, or have been forced to live in unsafe situations due to these barriers. In my professional opinion, this bill would do nothing but exacerbate the housing crisis in Oregon as it will make it easier for landlords to evict tenants for minor infractions. Although this is not the specific goal of the Bill's proponents, its overly broad nature will make it easy for those with malicious intent to abuse it.

I sincerely urge you to protect Oregon's most vulnerable tenants by voting against HB 2305. You can aid those of us on the front lines of Oregon's housing crisis by focusing efforts on legislation that will make housing more available and more equitable for these groups.

Thank you for looking over this testimony, and please consider the opposition by professionals reaching out to you.

Sincerely,
Leilani Dana