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I oppose this measure because it will cost taxpayers money (through the Energy grants), and place a bureaucratic constraint on landlords with very little benefit to the citizens of Oregon. With housing being in critical short supply already, I oppose giving landlords any more reason to stop offering homes for rent. I understand that heat can kill and that with climate change heat will increase, but there are less intrusive ways to deal with that problem, for example a cold shower, a fan with a wet cloth on it, or an individual room cooler. The conservatives in our nation have spoken loudly about resentment of more regulations and government spending with little benefit. Let's take heed and focus our regulations and spending where they are critical. Uncooled apartments affect far fewer people than our State's failing education system does. I believe ALL increased use of our state resources should focus on education since our student test scores are at the bottom of all 50 states. Education is critical, especially at a time when Federal resources for education are threatened. Don't add more unnecessary regulations, focus on education!