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On Behalf Of: Oregon Rental Housing Association
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB54

Dear Chair Pham, Vice Chair Anderson and members of the committee,

I am writing you today in opposition to SB54. In 2022 SB 1536 was negotiated in good faith between tenant advocates and housing providers as a fair, cost effective and reasonable law to give tenants more access to cooling. Many news outlets have reported fewer heat related deaths since this law was enacted.

SB 54 does nothing to improve on the original law, it increases costs for housing providers by requiring they install cooling in their properties even if the tenant does not need or want it. The original law gives the option to the tenant to purchase or get free cooling devices if they want cooling. Manufacturing and installing more cooling devices than are needed is ecologically irresponsible and a waste of resources which leads to global warming, this bill contributes to the problem of higher temperatures. This bill will also increase costs for housing providers which leads to increased rent for all which is against the Governor's goal of more affordable housing.

Please do not make changes to a law that is working and do not pass SB 54

Thank you