

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

My name is Dagny Daniel and I am writing in support of SB 722. I am a full-time Masters student and renter living in the Piedmont neighborhood in Portland. This bill is extremely important to me — I would not be able to afford a rent spike of 15%. A rent spike right now would obliterate the little savings I do have and would likely cause me to need to stop attending school. As it stands, I both work and attend school full-time to make ends meet. I know many other Oregon families that this would drastically harm as well, especially my fellow students. Many of us are already on the brink of being forced to abandon our goals due to affordability concerns. Rent spikes would likely send us over the edge.

Furthermore, if my landlord began using AI software to set my rent, I would be devastated. In my personal life, I am staunchly anti-AI usage due to the horrific environmental impact it makes. If my landlord used AI to set my rent, I would also feel very dehumanized. It would be clear to me that my landlord and my government do not care about me getting priced out. With the state of the world being so uncertain and terrifying, I need to know that my state legislature will support me as a renter.

I am asking you to please support SB 722 in order to provide relief for me and help protect me from affordability challenges. I love Oregon and want to be able to remain housed here.

Sincerely,
Dagny Daniel