

Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of SB 722, which will help prevent displacement and extreme rent spikes by extending coverage of our state's rent stabilization statutes, and by prohibiting the use of price-fixing software to inflate rents.

Housing is a basic need for everyone and housing and rent prices just keep getting higher. The people of Oregon deserve to be safe and sheltered in their own personal space. Rent prices being stabilized is a benefit for everyone.

SB 722 is the only tool on the policy table this session that would provide immediate and measurable protection for Oregonians suffering due to rent spikes as a result of our state's housing crisis.

AI software should not be used in such important decisions. There are many issues with the use of AI software, including retaining the bias and prejudices of programmers who trained them.

For all of these reasons, we urge your strong support of this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and for your service to Oregon communities.

Sincerely,

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