

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.

As a 60 year old single person on disability, rents are unaffordable. I live in Eugene, OR. Our community, home to UO & friendly to large property developers (who do not live in "state") has become unaffordable for many residents, particularly those who are already marginalized. My neighbors who are hispanic and legally in this country, live in a 2 bedroom townhouse with 3 children and a family member. They are extremely hard-working and struggle to afford basic living expenses. Housing/food/healthcare, among other basic necessities. Large property developers force out possibilities of middle housing and other pathways to housing security.

We need housing subsidies to be increased versus expansion of rights/privileges/power of corporate entities who seek tax breaks

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,

Wendy Harris, Eugene OR