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SB 282 -1 Amendment- Support

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and Members of the Committee:

SB 282-1 is a bill needed for make sure Oregonians have as few long-term effects stemming from the Covid-19 pandemic as possible.

Eviction has a long-term effect on a person's ability to obtain housing.

As you heard in your hearing on Tuesday, landlords are asking for a tax credit due to non-payment of rent. For a tax credit to be effective, you need a tax liability.

There are programs in place for landlords due to the Oregon Legislature's action in 2020. While it takes time to set up those programs and get the money out the door, they exist.

According to the February 28, 2021 report by the US Small Business Administration Oregon businesses have been approved for \$2,094,479,333 through the end of February. If Oregon mirrors the nation about 2% of that \$2 billion PPP loans apply to real estate and rental businesses.

That is separate from the ability of landlords to apply for the state and federal rental aid dollars.

The issue is not money, however. The issue is the lives of Oregonians who through no fault of their own have been placed in this position because of the pandemic.

You will hear from folks directly affected by the prospect of eviction. The stresses put upon families by the efforts to react to a public health emergency. These stresses are real.

But the long-term effects will continue to be a drain on Oregon's economy if we have even more students and families unsheltered because they have lost their housing.

It is more costly to get families into housing once they have become unsheltered than it is to keep them in their homes. Given the circumstances and the prospect of even more aid coming from the Federal government to help with housing issues, the provisions of this bill are reasonable and should help with the immediate needs for Oregonians who want to remain in their homes.

Please pass SB 282-1 amendment because Oregon's future is important.

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