



UCP Connections

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To: Representative Pam Marsh, Chair, House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

From: Glenna Hayes, Advocacy & Outreach Coordinator of UCP of Oregon

Re: Oppose HB2305

Chair Marsh and members of the committee,

My name is Glenna Hayes, and I work as the Advocacy and Outreach Coordinator for UCP Connections and UCP Mentors. Together, we help roughly 900 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who live in their own homes or with family in every community in Multnomah and Clackamas County. I am writing in today in opposition of HB2305, which would put tenants in a vulnerable position and increase their chances of eviction and displacement in an already harsh housing market.

Many of the people we help face serious financial and housing challenges. These financial issues can significantly affect their ability to keep up with bills and rent, and sometimes they struggle just to meet their basic needs. When they find themselves in difficult situations, we are usually the first ones they reach out to for help with things like rent, utilities, or food. This process can be time-consuming, and we need as much time as possible to assist them. Additionally, many people in our community have specific needs when it comes to communication, particularly around written information, which also requires time and support to overcome. The changes proposed in HB2305 could be harmful to our community and might lead to many people facing eviction. This not only makes it harder for them to find rental options in the future, but there simply is not enough affordable and accessible housing available for our community as it is. Please do not support a bill that would worsen our housing crisis and set us back in our efforts to address this issue in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Glenna Hayes

Advocacy and Outreach Coordinator of UCP Connections & UCP Mentors