



Oregon Coalition

Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

February 17th, 2025

Re: Opposition to HB 2305

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing you today to ask you to oppose HB 230. This bill would destabilize tenants and put them at risk of eviction and displacement. Across the state we see an expensive housing market with low vacancy rates thus increasing the risk of homelessness.

My name is Keri Moran-Kuhn, Executive Director of the Oregon Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence (OCADSV). I have been working in the movement to end domestic and sexual violence for more than 30 years. OCADSV core membership is the domestic and sexual violence service organizations across the state, of which there are 52 who are members.

The single largest cause for survivors to stay in a home they experience domestic violence is that they will be putting themselves at risk of becoming houseless and turned away if a shelter is unable to meet their needs. The number one cause of homelessness in women is domestic violence.

HB 2305 would undermine tenant stability and increase displacement. The bill would allow displacement without the opportunity to cure for violations of a rental agreement, even after the tenant has corrected those violations. Landlords already have myriad tools to evict tenants for serious lease violations and for repeated lease violations where the tenant is failing to correct their action. When evictions happen in this housing market, they lead to homelessness. We must do all we can to provide safety for survivors of domestic violence.

This is a time when we must come together to support solutions to the housing crisis. I urge you to vote against HB 2305 and hope you will focus on the collective and critically important work to increase housing supply, preserve as well as support affordable housing solutions. We know that it is time to ensure increased access to supportive services and shelter.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and your service to Oregon communities.

Sincerely,

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