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STOP PRETENDING TO SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST WITH USELESS LEGISLATION!

I am an impoverished tenant, with HUD Sec.8, SSI, OHP, and SNAP -- who OPPOSES proposed SB 722. I have twice faced landlords in FED proceedings, which strongly favor the landlord, and in reality, presume that the tenant must be evicted.

SB 722 Sec. 2 is UNENFORCEABLE.

FIRSTLY, there are no objective standards, of evidence which can be readily adduced by a mere "civilian" in a FED proceeding. SINCE it is nearly impossible to prove that "commercial software designed to use algorithms" was actually used in the act of establishing an amount of rent -- THEN the law is totally meaningless and without any actual efficacy at trial. IN REALITY, SB 722 is a snowjob on the public. CEASE AND DESIST the MAGATUDE DUPLICITY!

SECONDLY, the phrase "may not" is ambiguous at best, discretionary at worst, and thusly it is NOT preclusively enforceable. This exemplifies the lack of literacy by legislators, in a country with a goal of being dumbed down -- to elect incompetent politicians, who ineptly write equally ineffective legislation. SHAME ON YOU!

THIRDLY -- REAL SOLUTIONS...

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Poor people do not have equal access to Oregon government web sites. Pass legislation which mandates that either:

State of Oregon will 100% pay for a desktop computer with a 64-bit processor that is licensed and supports an operating system less than 10 years old, whether Windows, MacOS, or Linux -- at the choice of the user;

OR,

EACH AND EVERY Oregon government web pages must have alternate pages which remain compatible with Firefox v.59 and similar legacy web browsers. This typically precludes the use of high level HTML compiler (website creation) applications that enable unskilled "programmers" to create a web page. If nothing else, each and every web page of the State of Oregon must remain 100% compatible with the LYNX text based web browser, whereby all data must be (not "may be") 100% available without navigating multiple levels of a confabulated "maze."

I just went to the web page for Oregon Dept. of Consumer and Business Services, and received the message "Error: Parsererror" This per se demonstrates Oregon discriminatory prejudice against low income tenants -- as a matter of state policy.

#1:

ENACT legislation that establishes subject matter jurisdiction of the Oregon Dept. of Consumer and Business Services over landlord-tenant conflicts. It is a horrific travesty that no State office exists to examine a landlord's civil wrongdoing (DOJ jurisdiction is primarily limited to criminal wrongdoing) -- thusly forcing an impoverished tenant to learn ORLATA law, and commence action in Circuit Court, pro se -- without an attorney.

#2:

ENACT legislation that establishes subject matter jurisdiction of Oregon Small Claims Courts over ORLATA violations, which also precludes a landlord from being represented by an attorney in the proceeding. Establish SCC landlord-tenant jurisdiction to encompass all relief otherwise available under the general jurisdiction of a Circuit Court, including but not limited to --

- (a) Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act;
- (b) injunction and injunctive relief;
- (c) tort damages;
- (d) punitive damages;
- (e) other equitable relief.

#3:

ENACT legislation that expands the urban growth boundaries for high density residential housing. Capitalism is DEMAND SIDE ECONOMICS -- "if you buy it they will sell it." The real problem causing increased rent is an imbalance of supply and demand. Opening up more land for high density housing corrects that imbalance.

#4:

Stop misleading the voters! Enact rent control, or just shut up, and let unregulated landlords run amuck. It is time to stop playing poker and bluffing about supporting low income housing, while actually supporting landlord campaign contributors.

#5:

Stop the fraud of LEGAL AID SERVICES OF OREGON, which solely decides whether to accept pro bono representation in a case, but REFUSES to provide advice = aid.

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