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To: House Committee on Housing; others

Re: I OPPOSE [HB 3184]...with EXTREME PREJUDICE!

[HB 3184]: "SECTION 1. (1) The Portland State University Homelessness Research and Action Collaborative, housed within the Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning, shall conduct a study on the costs and benefits and policy choices of providing long-term rental assistance to Oregonians who are experiencing severe rent burden or homelessness or are at risk of homelessness."

Another grotesque waste of taxpayer monies as seen below:

"SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, **out of the General Fund, the amount of \$250,000**, for Portland State University to conduct the study required under section 1 of this 2021 Act."

...AND...

"(6) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, **are directed to assist the collaborative in conducting the study, and to the extent permitted by laws related to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice necessary for the collaborative to complete its study.**" This "assistance" will be very costly, indeed.

Portland is becoming more and more expensive to live in or even in surrounding municipalities.

Taxpayers cannot continue to subsidize housing eventually, the money will run out. What then?

Note the discriminatory directive and incorporation of institutionalized "Systemic Racism" into Oregon law.

"(5) The study must consider disparate impacts on communities of color, immigrant and refugee communities and persons identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and other minority gender identities and sexual orientations"

Should not all citizens be treated equally?

The legislature should be saving every penny they can but, they continue to waste taxpayer's money.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David S. Wall

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