

Olive Wonacott

Sincerely,

public service.

I strongly urge you to pass SB 611 as quickly as possible. Thank you for your consideration and your

destabilize too many lives.

women, minorities and other at-needed populations constitute an unfair price for unjust laws that

disproportionally high financial burden placed on the low or fixed income, young adult and seniors,

There is no denying that the lack of affordable and available housing and the abrupt and

viable alternative?

Landlords who seek such high increases in rent annually should not be allowed to invest in senior

retirement communities where individuals on limited or fixed income have to carefully plan long-

term their long-term residency. Two or three years of 10+% annual increases in rent can take rental

expenses far beyond an affordable range. Once a retiree reaches that level of expense, is there any

alternative to the "new norm" for retirees residing at the Eugene Hotel? Is this the "Oregon Way" of

announced their departure by the end of the month. The prospect of an unstable future is increasing

Since November, a number of senior residents have moved out; within the past week, four more seniors

like the one this year in the future, will have to look for more affordable housing elsewhere (if it exists)!

vived by our residents as exclusive and personally unsatisfactory in the future. If face rent increases

per month, depending on the size of the apartment. The sudden and sheer increase in rent is generally

residents, many of whom are on limited or fixed incomes, face an increase in rent from \$220 to \$330

Eugene community) had increased the rent an average of 3% per year. That means that retired

that our rent would be increased 14% in 2023. Historically, the former owners (local citizens of the

owners of my retirement community, the Eugene Hotel Retirement Center, notified its senior residents

The reality of the affordable housing emergency grabbed my attention when the new out-of-state

to 3% plus CPI per year here in Oregon.

My name is Olive Wonacott and I am a senior retiree residing in Eugene. I strongly urge passage of SB

Chair Jama, Vice Chair Anderson, Members of the Committee:

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