

February 13, 2023

Chair Dexter, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Helfrich, and Members of the Committee,

Re: Support of HB 2001

My husband and I live in Brookings-Harbor in a manufactured home we purchased in 2009. It was already in a 55+ manufactured home park which was exactly what we wanted (and could afford at the time). The space rent was reasonable and included water, sewer and garbage. Over the past 11 years, there were small annual increases in the space rent for a total of \$140 over that span of time. In 2021, our park sold it to a large corporation and the rent was immediately increased. In 2022, along with another larger rent increase, submeters were installed and we were told that water and sewer would no longer be included in our space rent. In 2023, per current Oregon law, we were informed that our rent would increase the maximum allowed of 14.6% and not only would water and sewer be added to this, but also the cost of the submeter and installation thereof. For us personally, this overall monthly increase in just 3 years is \$159.

We, along with most, if not all, of neighbors in this park, live on Social Security and possibly a pension or retirement fund. This huge rent increase of 14.6% this year, in addition to the large increases the past two years, could mean that some of us may find ourselves in a possible eviction situation and ultimately homeless, if unable to pay our rent on time. The 72-hour eviction notice is unreasonable as we each own our home and to have it moved to another location would be far more costly and frankly impossible in that time frame. If evicted, our probable option is to walk away from our homes and join the ranks of the homeless.

Please support HB 2001 to increase eviction notice to 10 days (Section 14-26). This additional time may make the difference between staying in our homes or being homeless.

Thank you.

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