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I have a job, a supportive family, and I still have found myself late on rent plenty of times. It doesn't take much to find yourself out over a ledge. Just 1 vet visit. 1 fender bender. 1 medical issue. And you may need an extra couple of weeks to get your rent money together. This is a really unfair bill that would only increase the number of unhoused people on the streets. Over the course of 2020-2022, I'm sure I got 30-day notices at least 3 times. Today, my credit score is well over 700, and I'm in a very stable financial state. But if this policy passes, people like me would have evictions on their record and suffer a totally different trajectory. People deserve some grace when surprises occur—in today's world, when income doesn't keep up with inflated costs of living, that's especially true. In a city like Portland, where we're already dealing with a disproportionately large unhoused community, it would be insane to pass this bill at this time.