

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Anderson and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members,

I am writing in **opposition to HB 2305**, the three-strikes bill, before the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness.

My name is Brent Lee. I am the Critical Home Repair Coordinator for Native American Youth and Family Center. Our service addresses homeowner's low income below 80% AMI. I help homeowners age in place by addressing fire safety and health concerns. I work with low-income Senior homeowners, and homeowners with disabilities in Multnomah County. Eighty Percent of the homeowners I work with are below 30 AMI. My experience working with vulnerable communities in Oregon gives me concern that this bill will unduly impact disabled tenants, tenants from marginalized communities, and tenants experiencing financial hardship. These groups are already over-policed by landlords, and establishing stable housing is a challenge for these groups.

This bill will make it easier for landlords to evict tenants for minor infractions. Although this is not the specific goal of the Bill's proponents, its overly broad nature will make it easy for bad actors to abuse it.

I sincerely urge you to protect Oregon's most vulnerable tenants by voting against HB 2305. You can aid those of us on the front lines of Oregon's housing crisis by focusing efforts on legislation that will make housing more available and more equitable for these groups.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony and for your service to our communities.

Sincerely,

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