

Argument against Bill SB603

Giving the homeless the \$1000 per month proposed in this bill, I believe would not help the problem.

Working as a real estate agent in my county, I have seen the houseless grow as the rents climbed. Then more houseless when landlords dumped their single family homes after rent control. With additional rent controls, more mom and pop landlords leave that industry, causing even more houseless.

For those homeless who are drug or alcohol addicted, it would be used for those addictions. Perhaps causing an even deeper issue. For the houseless, what do they rent for \$1000 a month? The average costs to rent in the State of Oregon is \$1650.

I believe that the money would be better spent on low-income housing. And then make it easier to rent these units, without the long waiting periods and background checks and or credit scores that keep people from basic living needs.

Thank you

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