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SB 799 will create an environment in which small housing providers will struggle more than they already do to survive in a state that appears to be against them. SB 799 will lead to a rental market even more dominated by corporate housing providers than ever. If this bill is made into law there will be less rental units, rents will continue to increase, there will be less housing inventory developed and added in the state, and housing providers will have to be much more strict with screening requirements. Housing providers will not be able to work with marginal tenants because they will be forced to protect themselves from the consequences of SB 799. This bill will push a government responsibility on to the shoulders of housing providers that cannot afford it. It is not fair to expect a housing provider to provide free housing to a non-paying tenant. The homeless issues that Oregon faces are drastic and need to be confronted, the Oregonian had a recent article about Multnomah County partnering with housing providers to house the homeless. Cities, counties, and the state should be partnering with housing providers to help solve this issue and to produce more housing units. SB 799 does the opposite of this, it is an attack on house providers, especially small housing providers; the ones that can least afford the consequences of this bill. Housing providers are not the enemy and they cannot afford to be the crutch.