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I see no reason for a landlord to be forced to pay a tenant to move from their RENTED premises. If a landlord is selling the property and is required to have the tenant(s) vacate the premises, this bill would require them to pay a tenant(s) to move when it is not the landlords decision but the purchasers decision. If a tenant(s) are argumentative, destructive, late payers, have unauthorized occupants living at the rented premises etc., I see no reason to penalize the landlord for terminating the tenancy and seek a better tenant(s). It is not easy to be a landlord and this type of bill is not providing any positive direction in solving the housing problem.

To lump all tenants into the same pot is totally unfair as is penalizing all landlords for the actions of a few. Landlords and tenants in most situations work things out between themselves and don't need bills past that will increase tensions that may already be present.

There are measures in the city of Portland that have served to make tenant(s) much more aggressive towards landlords as well as placing financial hardships on the landlord because of supposed tenant protections. The landlord also needs protections and financial help in their attempts to provide affordable clean housing. I strongly oppose this bill.