

Submitter: Richard Wisner
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB722

24 March 2025

Senate Committee on Housing and Development

Senate Bill 722

Dear Chair Senator Pham, Vice-Chair Senator Anderson and members of the Committee:

Regardless of what one thinks of the cause of the current housing debacle, the sponsors and supporters of this legislation believe, and act as if, the fly in the ointment are the rental property providers.

Their solution is to focus on the rental property owners, enacting one barrier after another—for years now—thinking that will solve “the problem”. If so, what will be next when this bright idea fails to accomplish the alleged goals of its sponsors and supporters?

The message that legislation such as SB 722 broadcasts to all is that the developers, investors and providers needed to reverse the state’s continuing housing deficit should just steer clear of Oregon. What is that supposed to accomplish? How is that going to alleviate the housing shortage?

It is better to stop bad legislation than it is to pass good legislation. Senate Bill 722 is bad legislation.

Thank you,
Richard Wisner