

Submitter:

Dawn Holland

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2305

Re: Testimony – HB 2305

To Whom It May Concern;

Please do not allow this detrimental bill move forward for Senate consideration!

I am a mediator with both the Clackamas County Tenant/Landlord and Beaverton Center for Mediation and Dialogue Tenant/Landlord (which serves all of Washington County specific to housing) programs and I interact with both tenants and landlord regularly. The individuals and families this bill will hurt the worst are under-represented populations, children and seniors who are under economic constraints with little or no housing alternatives. As a mediator, I present myself as a neutral party; however, as an individual, outside of the role of mediator, I am deeply distressed at how ORS 90 already favors the landlords and property management companies, and this bill will only add to their power. The great majority of tenants I interact with are stuck between a rock and a hard place with rising rents, limited income and no other alternatives. All this bill will do is add to the already horrendous homeless crises.

Thank you,
Dawn Holland