

Good afternoon Chair Jama, Vice Chair Linthicum, and the members of the committee

My Name is Jason Miller I am the Legislative Director of the Oregon Rental Housing Association

I am speaking today in opposition to SB282

ORHA is in favor of good legislation designed to help tenants and Housing providers affected by the pandemic.

As written SB 282 is not the solution, it is very one sided, does not address rent debt repayment and assumes all housing providers are bad actors.

The SB282 dash one amendment was posted late Tuesday

Less than 48 hours is not enough time to study this bill and how it interacts with the patchwork of current laws, executive orders and proposed bills created to address the needs of tenants and Housing Providers during the pandemic.

This week we have heard about two bills SB 330 and SB 282 each proposing solutions addressing the needs of tenants and Housing Providers. We believe some concepts from both bills could work in harmony to resolve all the issues we face but a one sided approach will not work, we need collaboration between tenants and Housing Providers, Republicans and Democrats.

ORHA respectfully requests this committee form a work group of Housing Provider and Tenant Advocates in collaboration with legislators focused on finding common ground in these bills that will lead to solutions to help Oregon tenants and Housing Providers.

Thank you for your time