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RE: Concerns with HB 3371

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Chair Sosa, Vice Chairs Chaichi and Osborne, Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Multifamily NW, thank you for the opportunity to express our strong concerns with HB 3371, which places an unnecessary and burdensome requirement on housing providers by forcing them to navigate costly legal and administrative hurdles when dealing with abandoned vehicles.

Multifamily NW is the largest association of housing providers in the state, representing nearly 300,000 units and every profession related to the industry — from property managers and owners to landscapers, maintenance professionals and screening companies. Our top priority is to collaborate with public sector leaders to identify and implement proven solutions to Oregon's ongoing housing crisis.

Rather than addressing the root causes of abandoned property, HB 3371 shifts some of that responsibility onto rental housing providers, creating new liabilities without offering any meaningful solutions.

Forcing housing providers to take on the role of abandoned vehicle enforcement creates significant financial and operational challenges. The costs associated with legal fees, administrative procedures, and delayed removal make it harder for property managers to efficiently manage their communities. In many cases, an abandoned vehicle is left behind at a property where rent was already unpaid, further compounding the financial strain. These added burdens not only harm property owners but also make it more difficult to quickly turn over units and provide housing to new tenants.

This legislation unfairly transfers an obligation that should remain with local public agencies. Cities and counties are better equipped to enforce vehicle abandonment rules and have the necessary resources to address these issues efficiently. Housing providers should not be required to take on a responsibility that belongs to law enforcement or municipal departments simply because a vehicle happens to be left on private property. The bill sets a dangerous precedent, forcing private businesses to handle what is clearly a public responsibility.

Additionally, the delays this bill would create in removing abandoned vehicles would negatively impact the safety and appearance of rental communities. Left unchecked, abandoned vehicles attract vandalism, illegal dumping, and criminal activity, creating unsafe conditions for residents.

Timely removal is essential to maintaining safe and livable communities, and this legislation would only serve to make that process more difficult. For these reasons, Multifamily NW urges you to reconsider HB 3371 and seek solutions that do not place unnecessary burdens on rental housing providers.

Sincerely,

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