

We are mom and pop landlords with 6 apartments trying to make a living owning and managing them ourselves. We have put up with all kinds of crap from renters while trying to learn and navigate Oregon landlord/tenant law. Not always but the bad ones still leave a bad taste and now we are looking at legislation that mostly protects these same bad actors while making our job to provide safe quiet housing even more difficult.

We did not create the housing shortage. We are actually helping by providing housing but if this bill passes we are converting everything to condos and selling. We are not the only ones. This bill is the last nail in the coffin for many of us mom and pops which will likely leave mostly corporate investors and their managers to provide rentals. The same ones that are buying up multi-plexes and raising rents sky high. It's just a job to them but even they are apt to question whether this atmosphere warrants their effort. If that's what you want this bill is the way to get there but don't think for a minute this will even begin to make housing more affordable. It will get you some votes and make you some enemies but rents are now going up additionally just to "budget" for Portlands relocation bill. House bill 2004 as written will further incentivize increased rents for the sole purpose of compensating for the additional burden and expense that it will impose on all landlords.

We are seriously questioning if this occupation is worth the trouble anymore. Maybe it is time for us little guys to get out of the way and let corporate America take over our housing industry. I wonder if that will cause housing to become more affordable.

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