

Dear Committee:

RE: LD1904

I am writing in opposition to this bill.

One question for you all to ponder:

Would you want someone with a violent criminal history to be allowed to rent next to you or your children?

I understand the premise of this bill. As a landlord I consider all prospects and have allowed people who have a past rent from me. I have had good and bad experiences. It is all based on the person and what they have for a criminal history and how far back it goes.

In all fairness to other tenants, they should be allowed to live in a peace and not have to worry who is staying in the apartment upstairs or down the hall without consideration.

Also as far as prior evictions, those are important things to know. Can you go to a bank with bad credit and get a loan? There's a good reason these tenants have an eviction on their record and that has to do with behavior. Rewarding bad behavior is NOT a good solution to anything and only creates bad occupancies.

This bill could create dangerous situations and should be not considered for passing.

Thank you,

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