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Governor signs first-in-nation statewide renter protections

SALEM – Senate Bill 608 – the first tenant protection bill in the nation – was signed into law today by Gov. Kate Brown in a signing ceremony at the Oregon State Capitol.

It will protect Oregon’s renters by ensuring they won’t face enormous, unforeseen rent increases or be kicked out of their homes after residing there for at least a year. Safe and stable housing is a central requirement for healthy families to thrive and for children to excel in school. The bill will eliminate “no cause” evictions after tenants have completed their first year of occupancy. It also would cap annual rental increases for buildings more than 15 years old. The bill prohibits landlords from terminating month-to-month tenancies without cause after one year of occupancy. Tenants would be entitled to 90 days’ notice of eviction and a relocation assistance payment in the amount of one month’s rent. Landlords with four or fewer units would not be required to make relocation assistance payments. The bill was chief sponsored by Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, D-Gresham, Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, Sen. Peter Courtney, D-Salem, Sen. Shemia Fagan, D-Portland, and Rep. Tina Kotek, D-Portland.

“Safe, secure housing is a cornerstone of healthy and thriving families,” Monnes Anderson said. “We are the first state that’s ever taken this approach and I believe it will help people stay in their homes, without diminishing the supply of rental housing in the state. Healthy and thriving families need safe and stable housing.”

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