



Portland Housing Bureau

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Summary of Rental Services Commission's June 2022 Listening Session Written Testimony

On June 6, 2022, the Rental Services Commission held a Listening Session to receive public testimony. The focus of this listening session was to hear individuals' experiences and concerns with the rental housing market in the City of Portland.

In addition to hearing from 22 individuals through oral testimony, the Rental Services Commission received 13 written testimonies as part of the Listening Session. Five of these testimonys came from lanldrods and eight came from tenatns. The themes of the written testimonies included: proposed anti-harrassment protections; excessive rent amounts and the need for rent control; the challenge faced by small landlords complying with local tenant protections; unsafe living conditions; the need for the Rental Services Office to have investigative authority and provide dispute resolution services; and the loss of small lanldrods from the rental market. These written tesitmonies are available upon request.