

**One Hundred Sixth Legislature - Second Session - 2020**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB914**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: January 24, 2020**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 914 lengthens the notice requirement that landlords must give tenants before they begin eviction proceedings from five days to seven days. The bill also requires that a landlord return the balance of a tenant's security deposit and a written itemization within fourteen, instead of thirty, days after the date of termination of the tenancy.

The bill provides that a tenant does not have to pay for damages that result from their removal from the unit by order of a governmental entity because it was not fit for habitation due to negligence or neglect from the landlord.

This bill adds liquidated damages of one month's rent and court costs to what the landlord already owes the tenant for violating this section, which is the security deposit balance and reasonable attorney's fees.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Megan Hunt