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“I don’t know what else to cut back on,” said Case, an administrative assistant at a local college, who said she would only have \$300 left over each month for other necessities. “Probably less groceries. I certainly can’t cut back on my medications.”

Another tenant, 72-year-old Ann Urbanovitch, who works as a cashier at a department store, is facing a similar rent increase.

“I expected it to go up \$100, but \$345. I was shocked,” she said. “I have to dip into my retirement savings ... because, you know, times are tough.”

The mobile home park owner, Parakeet Communities, did not respond to a request from The Associated Press for comment.

With many families struggling to pay, landlords in Colorado are increasingly turning to evictions, with over 50,000 evictions filed last year, according to data from the Colorado Judicial Branch.

“2023 was the high-water mark for evictions filings in recorded Colorado history,” said Zach Neumann, co-CEO of the Community Economic Defense Project, which offers financial and legal assistance to Colorado residents struggling with rent.

Monique Gant, the mother of two boys, stuffed her belongings into boxes in a Denver suburb last week after losing a drawn-out eviction fight, planning to move between long-stay hotel rooms and her RV for now. Gant’s hair has thinned from the stress she buries beneath a stoic face for her children.

“My kids, they assume that I am Super Woman,” said Gant. But “when I go to take a shower, put some music on, I cry.”

Already, she said, her 10- and 11-year-old sons have been in fights at school and on the bus, and aren’t engaging with classes as they once did.

About 40% of those facing eviction each year are children — some 2.9 million, according to a study co-authored by Nick Graetz at Princeton University’s Eviction Lab, who said research shows wide-ranging impacts of housing turbulence and eviction on children’s mental health and development.

“We can see that things really fall off for children that experience eviction,” Graetz said.

In Congress, lawmakers

are working on a bill that would expand a federal program that awards tax credits to housing developers who agree to set aside units for low-income tenants. Supporters say that could lead to the construction of 200,000 more affordable homes. Some lawmakers are also calling for more rental assistance, including a significant increase in funding for housing vouchers.

“A larger commitment from the federal government is required,” said Chris Herbert, managing director of the Harvard center. “Only then will the nation finally make a meaningful dent in the housing affordability crisis making life so difficult for millions of people.”

At the state level, Colorado lawmakers have proposed a bill to limit the reasons for which a landlord can evict a tenant. Other bills would scrap the filing fee for tenants in an eviction case, and roll back local rules prohibiting homeowners from renting out a separate unit on their property.

“If we don’t act now,” said Colorado Gov. Jared Polis in his state of the state speech last month, largely focused on housing, “we will soon face a spiraling point of no return.”

Other states feel the same urgency.

In Washington state, a bill would require that 10% of new housing around transit hubs be affordable for low-income residents. Another would bar landlords from increasing rent by more than 5% annually during a rental agreement term.

In Massachusetts, a bill would invest over \$4 billion toward building and shoring up affordable housing in response to the state’s estimate that more than 200,000 additional homes will be needed by 2030. It would be the largest housing investment in state history.

However, it would come too late for the rent increase Urbanovitch faces to stay in her mobile home.

“My biggest worry,” she said, “is not really having a place to move to. There’s no place to go.”

Legislature

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And you often have to report within a half hour or 45 minutes. So that means if you live 20 miles from work, you may have to drive in to be close to work so you don’t get in trouble if you don’t make it in on time. You can’t drink alcohol, you can’t go out with your family or your friends and enjoy yourself, because at any given time during that period, you could be called in.

I’m advocating for that time being paid at at least minimum wage.

The hospital transparency piece would require

hospitals to report their cash on hand on a quarterly basis. Hospitals already have to report quite a bit of information to the Oregon Health Authority, but cash flow is

House Bill 4088 is a bill addressing hospital worker workplace violence

kind of murky, which is why I’m advocating for cash on hand to be reported. Oregonians contribute millions of dollars to hospitals by way of Medicaid every single year, and I believe that there needs to be more transparency into how hospitals are spending money and where hospitals are spending money.

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luminaries like Clark Gable, Louise Beavers, Ruby Berkley Goodwin, and Dorothy Dandridge. Through Tate’s vivid storytelling, “The Queen of Sugar Hill” stands as a testament to the indomitable spirit of a woman who, against all odds, left an enduring legacy and paved the way for future generations of Black artists in the unforgiving landscape of Hollywood.

“In bringing to life the

inimitable Hattie against the backdrop of her segregated times, “The Queen of Sugar Hill” introduces readers to the important, inspiring, heart-wrenching story of the legendary actress whose legacy deserves to be fully understood and celebrated,” said Marie Benedict, the New York Times Bestselling author of “The Personal Librarian” and “The Other Mrs. Christie.”

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program led to syndication on the Radio One Talk Network and its XM satellite channel which merged with Sirius to become SiriusXM in 2008. In 2023, Madison celebrated his 15th anniversary with SiriusXM.

In 2015, Madison set the Guinness World Record for the longest on-air broadcast, 52 hours. During the record-breaking show, he raised more than \$250,000 for the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. Five months later, Madison made history again by broadcasting live from Cuba and becoming the first American radio host to do so in more than 50 years.

In 2021, Madison went on a 73-day hunger strike to encourage passage of voting rights bills. Unbeknownst to his listeners, he was fighting prostate cancer during his hunger strike. When asked if he understood the danger he was in, he replied, “I am willing to die.”

His bio further noted that a few months after his hunger strike, the Emmett Till Antilynching Act passed in the Senate with the help of Mad-

ison’s continued push on the radio. His efforts were noticed by many, including the then Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, who publicly thanked him for another fight for justice.

Madison and his wife Sharon have been married for more than 45 years and they currently reside in Washington, D.C. Their blended family includes four children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In a statement, Madison’s family invited fans and friends to send condolences. “Joe dedicated his life to fighting for all those who are undervalued, underestimated, and marginalized. On air he often posed the question, ‘What are you going to do about it?’. Although he is no longer with us, we hope you will join us in answering that call by continuing to be proactive in the fight against injustice. The outpouring of prayers and support over the last few months lifted Joe’s spirits and strengthened us as a family. We continue to ask for privacy as we gather together to support each other through this difficult time.”

The bill will require transparency around what is happening with Medicaid dollars that hospital systems are bringing in in-state, how much is being sent out of

state and how much out of state money is coming into Oregon as well.

For example, Providence may be sending money that they made

in Oregon to California to support (Providence) hospitals in California. But there’s no transparency around that now, so we don’t know if that’s happening or not. We just suspect that it is.

It also provides transparency into investment returns and will help us to get an idea of how much hospitals are investing in the stock market, for instance. It will also require hospitals to report the pay of their top 10 highest paid employees as well.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Proposals Behavioral Health Peer Workforce Training

Worksystems is seeking qualified, emerging, and experienced organizations or individuals to develop and operate a program of services supporting a peer workforce training program in the Behavioral Health field.

The RFP is posted on Worksystems’ website at www.worksystems.org. Proposals are due no later than noon on February 26, 2024.

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Due: February 16, 2024

Raimore Construction is requesting expressions of interest for the scopes of work listed below.

These scopes are associated with PBOT’s 82nd Ave Major Maintenance Improvement Project, with construction scheduled to start July 2024.

Concrete Flatwork Demolition/Clearing Earthwork/Grinding Grinding/Overlay Landscaping Paving (Asphalt Concrete) Traffic Signals Striping Traffic/Pedestrian Control Underground Utility Improvements

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