



February 6, 2026

House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Oregon Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support for HB 4123

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee:

I write on behalf of Home Forward in support of HB 4123. This bill provides important privacy protections for tenants, applicants, and their households while ensuring housing providers can continue to meet their legal and regulatory obligations.

Home Forward is the Public Housing Authority (PHA) for Multnomah County and the largest provider of affordable housing in Oregon. We serve approximately 18,000 low-income households through affordable housing, rent assistance, and supportive services. Home Forward owns more than 7,200 affordable homes throughout Multnomah County and provides a range of services, from housing stability supports to health and wellness programming. In addition, we administer rent assistance for more than 12,000 households each month. Our mission is to strengthen communities by providing housing stability through affordable housing development, expanded housing choice, supportive services that enhance quality of life, and advocacy to improve local and national housing systems.

PHAs like Home Forward already operate under strict federal privacy requirements, including provisions in the Federal Privacy Act and HUD regulations that govern the collection, use, and disclosure of personally identifiable information. Extending similar standards to all landlords in Oregon promotes fairness and consistency in how tenant data is protected across housing types.

HB 4123 provides clear guidance on when and how landlords may share confidential tenant information while preserving the necessary exceptions that allow affordable housing providers to meet federal compliance obligations, audits, reporting, and regulatory oversight. This clarity benefits both tenants and landlords: tenants gain assurance that their information is handled responsibly, and landlords gain clear expectations about their responsibilities, reducing the risk of errors or unintentional violations.

I urge you to pass HB 4123. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment and for your continued leadership. Please feel free to contact me at (503) 348-1196 or christina.dirks@homeforward.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christina Dirks".

Christina Dirks
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