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I am opposed to this bill. All applicants should be screened in the same manner. This language in this bill would limit our ability to screen this type of applicant- (g) Any nongovernment identification or combination of identifications that would permit a reasonable verification of identity. Without using a social security number or date of birth it would be almost impossible to screen this type of applicant for credit history for criminal records. If we are unable to screen these applicants it will prohibit us from providing a safe and secure living environment for all tenants. As I discovered when I was employed by the State of Oregon it is extremely difficult to screen applicants that are of Hispanic's descent as they often have identical names. Also as a landlord this language is very vague, if am required to accept other identification I would like a detail list of what is acceptable. Another concern I have is The State of Oregon will be requiring we disobey the federal law. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony.