

Testimony in Support of Fair Housing for All (SB 599)
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Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee:

I am providing testimony in support of Senate Bill 599 to ensure that all Oregonians have access to fair housing. My name is Tabitha Joaquin and I live in Eugene, Oregon.

I was recently in Salem and spoke with Senators Manning and Golden about this senate bill 599 along with another bill. In those meetings it was wonderful to hear that this bill has their support. Fair Housing is so important for community members to feel they belong and removing unnecessary barriers to obtain housing will create a sense of safety to some of our most vulnerable.

Oregon should be a place where all are valued, respected and included. By protecting immigrants rights to fair housing practices we are creating that world.

Most housing providers in Oregon do adhere to best practices and do not discriminate on the basis of citizenship or immigration status. but in passing this bill it will ensure that these principles are codified in our state statutes and will send a protective and inclusive message to our communities.

Please support Senate Bill 599 to ensure there is fair housing for all that call Oregon home.