



February 23, 2025

Re: Support for HB 4123A - Legislation to Protect Tenant Privacy
Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rebekah Markillie and I am writing on behalf of the Oregon Housing Alliance to request your support for HB 4123A, which will support Landlord Confidentiality, and Tenant Privacy of Information. There are currently no provisions in Oregon Landlord-Tenant law that ensure confidentiality of the myriad of sensitive information tenants and applicants provide landlords and property managers to apply for housing or maintain their housing.

HB 4123A defines the types of information that must be kept confidential, and specifies appropriate exemptions for business necessities like conducting background or reference checks, or as necessary for the landlord's use in any administrative, court, or collection actions. The bill also ensures that affordable housing providers would be exempt from any contradictory requirements imposed by their local, state, or federal funders.

This bill has been carefully negotiated with many stakeholders and we understand that privacy protections are urgently needed in housing. We all want and deserve to feel safe at home. Tenants need to know their private information is secure. And landlords will benefit from having a bright line in the statute that will provide legal clarity, consistency and certainty.

The Oregon Housing Alliance is a statewide coalition of over 100 member organizations, including tenant organizations; affordable housing developers and operators; social service providers and shelter operators; Community Action Agencies; Public Housing Authorities; housing industry businesses and professionals; city and county governments; and community-based nonprofits and advocacy groups. Many of our members are within the community land trust ecosystem and organizations that are committed to expanding homeownership opportunities across the state.

Our diverse membership is united by the belief that every Oregonian deserves a home that is affordable, stable, accessible and safe. To this end, we urge your support of House Bill 1423A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebekah Markillie".

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