



February 18, 2025

Representative Pam Marsh
Chair, House Committee on Revenue
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for House Bill 3378

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

The Oregon Housing Alliance encourages you to support House Bill 3378. This common-sense legislation requires landlords to offer a non-smartphone, offline option for residents to access their homes.

While smartphones are very common, many low-income tenants, older adults and people with disabilities are not able to use one. Apps are convenient, but can experience service interruptions or require updates at inopportune moments. Tenants should not be required to sign up for and provide data to an app simply to have access to their home. Finally, if using an app is the only way to enter your building, what happens when the wi-fi is out, or your phone's battery dies before you get home from work at the end of the day?

Whoops, my battery died while I was writing the previous paragraph. Now that it's recharged, I can remind you that the Oregon Housing Alliance is a statewide coalition of over 100 members, including tenant organizations; affordable housing developers and operators; social service and shelter providers; Community Action Agencies; Public Housing Authorities; housing industry businesses and professionals; city and county governments; and community-based nonprofits and advocacy groups.

Our diverse membership is united by the belief that every Oregonian deserves a home that is affordable, stable, accessible and safe. To that end, we urge you to support HB 3378. Keep the Key!

Sincerely,

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