



February 1, 2016

**To:** House Committee on Human Services and Housing  
**From:** Oregon Housing Authorities  
**RE:** Support of HB 4001 and Protections for Oregon Tenants

Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice-Chair Piluso, Vice-Chair Stark and Members of the Committee:

Approximately 40% of Oregonians are renters. The individuals and families who rent here in Oregon need housing stability in order to thrive in their communities. We know that stable housing is the key to health and opportunity.

Currently, Oregon has the nation's lowest rental vacancy rates, and top-tier annual rent increases. Most renters are in month-to-month rental agreements, and face a real threat of homelessness if subject to a sudden rent increase or a no-cause (no-fault) eviction. The current housing crisis is impacting families and communities all across our state.

HB 4001 offers modest and reasonable protections for Oregon tenants that will lead to housing stability. By protecting tenants from sudden "no-cause" evictions and rent increases as well as retaliation, we can give families who rent here in Oregon the opportunity for success.

We urge your support of this measure.

Sincerely,

The Oregon Housing Authorities