

Hello, my name is Liam Kerber. I'm 22 years old. I have several mental health diagnosis including schizoaffective disorder, an eating disorder, post traumatic stress disorder, and generalized anxiety disorder. Because of these diagnosis I live on a disability income of \$755 per month. My rent is currently almost half of my income and has been for almost four and a half years. For two and a half of those years I have been on waiting lists for low income housing set up for people with disabilities. My current location is in a rural area by North Plains. It is very time consuming and difficult to get to my treatment for my disabilities as the area is not well served by public transportation and my disabilities prevent me from being able to drive. I have been hospitalized due to psychosis, which I had to take public transportation and several hours to check in. I'm finally getting an apartment in about a month. This will give me better access to treatment, the ability to recover without the triggering environment I'm living in now, and will allow me to get further treatment to better myself. I gratefully ask you to please support HB 3063. Many people living with mental illness end up homeless and untreated because there is such a shortage of mental health housing and affordable housing. This issue is important to me and so many other struggling people out there. Thank you.