

While the intentions of HB2427 are honorable, the consequences of implementation could be complicated and expensive for prospective tenants. Legislation such as this bill and other regulations are driving mom and pop landlords out of the housing business. The risk of making unintentional errors requires the use of professional legal and screening services, the costs of which must be passed on to prospective tenants. Small operators can implement non-discriminatory procedures and at the same time remain sensitive to the needs of current and prospective tenants in a way that the "big guys" can't and won't do. Oregon's landlords need protection along with their tenants.