



## **Written Testimony in Support of HB 4125**

**Submitted by the Springfield Eugene Tenant Association**

Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters, and members of the committee:

For the record, my name is Kevin Cronin, and I am a board member of the Springfield Eugene Tenant Association. We strongly support House Bill 4125, the revenue modernization act.

Our organization is a state-contracted provider of housing stability and homelessness prevention services, including eviction prevention. Like many small and mid-sized community-based providers, we depend on predictable state funding to retain staff, plan services, and meet contractual obligations. During the last budget cycle, our organization experienced a 74 percent funding reduction. That instability forced layoffs and disrupted services at a moment when tenant need was rising, not falling.

We like HB 4125 because it takes a practical step toward improving fiscal stability by strengthening how Oregon prepares revenue estimates. By requiring estimates that incorporate a clear upper and lower bound, grounded in nationally recognized methodologies and historical data, the bill reduces the risk of sudden mid-biennium corrections that disproportionately harm frontline service providers.

More stable forecasting leads to more stable state budgets, which in turn allows providers like ours to plan responsibly and serve tenants consistently.

For tenant organizations and housing stability providers, budget volatility is not an abstract problem. It shows up as staff turnover, closed programs, and vulnerable residents falling through gaps that should not exist. HB 4125 helps address that problem at its source by improving the tools the state uses to plan.

For these reasons, the Springfield Eugene Tenant Association urges your support for HB 4125. Thank you for your time and for the work you do on behalf of Oregonians.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Cronin  
Board member, Springfield Eugene Tenant Association