

Submitter: Lynn Cole
On Behalf Of: Self
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4123
Re: Support for HB 4123 - Legislation to Protect Tenant Privacy
Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the
Committee:

My name is Lynn Cole, and I am writing to urge you to support of HB 4123, which will support Landlord Confidentiality and Tenant Privacy of Information. When people apply for housing and while they are renting, whether in an apartment, home or manufactured home, they have to give landlords significant amounts of private information. This could include financial, banking, income, social security, immigration status, information regarding being a victim of domestic violence, or sexual violence, disability status, driver license and more. This information, if shared publicly, can put people at risk for identity theft, fraud, and other harm. The Legislature has created consumer privacy protections in many other areas. Currently, Oregon landlord-tenant law does not clearly protect the private information that landlords collect from tenants. HB4123 will clarify and correct that. The bill clearly explains what kinds of information must be kept confidential. It ensures that affordable housing providers required to share information with their funders would be exempt from any contradictory requirements. Privacy in housing is especially important. Tenants need to know their private information is secure. I strongly urge your support for this bill.

Respectfully,

Lynn Cole