



House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

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Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

SETA is a non-profit, public service organization dedicated to renters' rights and interests. We provide free community resources, including our free Tenant Hotline, and we directly serve about 240 renter households every month through combinations of several programs.

SETA urges you to join us in support of HB 4123, legislation to protect tenant privacy.

HB 4123 will add a clear and simple provision to Oregon's Landlord Tenant law, specifying that certain personally identifying, financially sensitive, and other private information may not be disclosed without the written consent of the tenant, unless in response to a court order.

I want to share a story that happened about a month ago in the City of Eugene. And I want you to imagine yourself as a renter who is just trying to live your life. We received a call from a tenant who had concerns about a random charge on her tenant portal. We came to find out the extra charge was a charge for renters insurance. What we uncovered is the landlord decided that it was absolutely vital that each and every tenant of theirs had Renters Insurance. So the landlord took the information from all their residents, including name, address, phone number, and financial information and signed every tenant up for insurance - without the tenants approval, without notice, and without their knowledge.

I share this story with you to highlight the vulnerability tenants are facing. In every other industry - medical, government, food services all have similar privacy protections. We are advocating that rental housing simply has the same consumer protections..

We urge you to join us in support of HB 4123.

If you'd like to connect with me, please reach out to tmorris@springfieldeugenetenantassociation.com. Thank you for your consideration.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim".

Timothy Morris
Executive Director
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