



OREGON STATE SENATE

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Good afternoon Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher , and members of the committee.

For the record, my name is Senator Khanh Pham, and I am proud to be a chief sponsor of House Bill 4114, the Protect Your Door Act.

This bill is straightforward. Every person living in the United States is protected by the Bill of Rights, including the Fourth Amendment’s protection against unreasonable searches and seizures. The founders recognized this as a fundamental safeguard in a democracy—a necessary check against government abuse, shaped by their experience under the British Empire and later applied to prohibit broad house searches targeting people who had escaped forced enslavement, and to curb warrantless spying and violence by federal agencies. Courts in every generation have reaffirmed this protection against federal overreach.

I am not a constitutional scholar, but I do not need to be to understand that Oregon has the authority to protect Oregonians from violations of the Fourth Amendment. Yet we are seeing warrantless entries into homes—doors forced open, car windows broken, people dragged into the street and detained—without judicial warrants or reasonable suspicion of criminal activity.

HB 4114 creates a clear civil cause of action when an individual, acting under color of law, enters protected property without a judicial warrant and no recognized exception applies.

The bill defines “property” broadly to include buildings, land and curtilage, vehicles in places where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy, places of worship, schools, medical facilities, and any place where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Victims may sue, recover damages and equitable relief, and receive attorney fees.

Oregon should use every tool within our purview to protect our neighbors’ constitutional rights and defend our shared civil liberties. I urge your support for House Bill 4114.