



My name is Seth Johnstone and I work at Basic Rights Oregon and I urge your support of HB4123.

Our organization supports LGBTQ+ people across the state of Oregon. LGBTQ adults and youth face disproportionately higher rates of housing instability and homelessness compared to the general population, often driven by family rejection, discrimination, and economic disparities. Privacy is a basic part of housing stability. Tenants should not have to worry about the misuse or sharing of their personal information simply because they rent their homes. In order to apply for and maintain housing, tenants are often required to share highly personal and sensitive information with landlords and property managers. This can include financial records, identification documents, and other private details that most people reasonably expect to remain confidential.

Currently, Oregon law does not clearly require that this information be protected once it is collected. HB 4123 addresses this gap in a straightforward, common-sense way. It sets a clear expectation that tenant information should not be disclosed without written consent, except when required by a court order.

This provides important protections for tenants while also offering clarity for landlords about how sensitive information should be handled. HB 4123 helps establish a reasonable standard that supports safer, more stable housing for renters across Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration and we urge your support of HB4123.