

Governor's Housing and Homelessness Agenda

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SB 291- Nondiscrimination in tenant screening

- ❖ A landlord must conduct the individualized assessment that do not reject an applicant for any of the following reasons:
 - ❖ Any arrest in an inactive case that did not result in conviction;
 - ❖ Participation in or completion of a diversion or a deferral of judgment program
 - ❖ Any conviction that has been vacated or expunged, or for which the applicant received a stay of imposition of sentencing and complied with the terms of the stay;
 - ❖ Any conviction for a crime that is no longer illegal in the state of Oregon;
 - ❖ Any conviction or any other determination or adjudication in the juvenile justice system;
- ❖ Landlords must notify tenants at the time of receiving their application of their rights to submit supplemental evidence
- ❖ In evaluating an applicant using an individualized assessment, a landlord must accept and consider all supplemental evidence provided by the applicant with a completed application to explain, justify, or negate the relevance of potentially negative information revealed by screening. Supplemental evidence refers to any written information submitted by the applicant in addition to that provided on the landlord's form application that the applicant believes to be relevant to the applicant's predicted performance as a tenant.

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Additional Priorities

- ❖ HB 2163- Long Term Rent Assistance
 - ❖ \$4.5 million for long term rent assistance
 - ❖ Tenant based rent assistance
 - ❖ Target population = youth exiting foster care system, other institutional settings, and otherwise experiencing homelessness
 - ❖ Pilot will include both rural and urban communities
 - ❖ State general fund allows flexibility to meet the needs of the person, for example, we would be able to provide rent subsidies for roommate situations
- ❖ HB 2100- Homelessness Systems Modernization
 - ❖ Ability for the state to contract directly with organizations in addition to Community Action Agency Network, with particular attention to culturally specific organizations