



DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

To: Oregon House Committee on Housing
From: Chris Wig, Chair, Democratic Party of Lane County
Re: Support for HB 2427 – uniform rental application system

February 19, 2020

Dear Chair Fahey, Co-vice Chairs Campos and Morgan, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the greater than 106,000 Democrats in Lane County to urge you to authorize the establishment of a uniform rental application system by recommending passage of HB 2427. This uniform rental application system would help streamline the rental application process and reduce costs and hassle for both tenants and landlords.

The bill calls on the Director of the Housing and Community Services Department to appoint an advisory committee to provide advice to the Department on developing and maintaining a uniform rental application system.

Our hope is that the passage of HB 2427 will reduce the number of tenants repetitively submitting the same rental information to various rental companies. Much like your email log-in information remaining auto-completed on your computer, we feel that tenants will spend significantly less time applying for housing options and significantly less money on application fees, while providing landlords across the state a template for their rentals which will markedly reduce the administrative time of approving rental applications.

Both tenants and landlords have had difficulties during this pandemic. While this bill does not help directly with that, the DPLC believes it provides a small opportunity to make things a little easier.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information. I look forward to working with you to create a safe, prosperous and enduring Oregon.

Sincerely,

Chris Wig
Chair
Democratic Party of Lane County