



SB 599 - Fair Housing For All Oregonians Prohibits Housing Discrimination Based on Immigration Status

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The bill is modeled after a provision in [local ordinance](#) in the City of Portland that has been in effect for years, and extends that protection statewide, ensuring that people are not deprived of housing based on their immigration status. Four other states have similar protections. (NY, WA, CA, IL)

The bill will amend the Landlord-Tenant Act to provide that:

- 1) A Landlord may not inquire about, or disclose with intent to harm, a tenant or applicant's immigration or citizenship status;
- 2) A Landlord must accept any of the following, or a combination thereof, to verify the name, date of birth and photo of the Applicant:
 - a. Evidence of Social Security Number (SSN Card);
 - b. Valid Permanent Resident Alien Registration Receipt Card;
 - c. Immigrant Visa;
 - d. Individual Tax Payer Identification Number (ITIN);
 - e. Non-immigrant visa;
 - f. Any government-issued identification regardless of expiration date; or
 - g. Any non-governmental identification or combination of identifications that would permit a reasonable verification of identity.
- 3) A Landlord may not discriminate against a tenant or applicant based on immigration or citizenship status.

***Note that technical amendments are pending to ensure that the language accomplishes the above intent, and to ensure that landlords applying federal housing subsidy eligibility requirements are exempt from the statute.*

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It is past time for Oregon to ensure equal access to housing for all Oregonians.

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