

Submitter: Matthew Chaisson

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB599

I strongly oppose the proposed Oregon bill that would make it illegal for landlords to refuse renting to illegal aliens. While the intent may be to promote fairness, this legislation ignores the real-world consequences for tax-paying citizens. Forcing landlords to rent to individuals who may lack legal documentation or verifiable income strains an already tight housing market. This exacerbates shortages, driving up rental costs for law-abiding residents who contribute to the state's economy.

Landlords have a right to set their own tenant criteria, and this bill undermines that freedom while prioritizing non-citizens over Oregonians struggling to find affordable housing. The result? Higher rents and fewer options for those who play by the rules. I urge you to reconsider this misguided policy.