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I support SB 599. No landlord should be able to use another person's immigration status against them and their ability to obtain stable housing. A person's immigration status has no bearing on their ability to be a good tenant. A landlord does not need to know this information to make a decision about whether to rent their property to someone seeking a place to live. There are already many other metrics in place, such as credit checks, previous rent history, criminal background checks, and personal references that are at the disposal of landlords. Additionally, this bill prevents landlords from disclosing the immigration status of their renters to others. Landlords do not have a right to disclose the private and personal information of their tenants to others. The personal details of the lives of tenants should not ever be conversation topics for landlords when speaking with others who are not the tenants themselves. I believe in an Oregon where housing is accessible to all denizens and protecting the privacy of an immigration status from landlords who want to discriminate against noncitizens is a key part in that vision.