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A landlord/owner is exposing his(or her) huge investment to someone he likely doesn't know. He has the right to scrutinize who lives in his dwelling. Criminals, by definition, are people already convicted of not following the rules. Allowing someone to rent a place to live should be at the discretion of the owner/landlord. After all, it's their investment. Immigration status matters greatly. Why? Someone in Oregon that has not entered the country in the proper, legal way, has already broken the law once. Respect for the rules has already been compromised. It's not a stretch to be concerned about future issues with following the rules.

When considering how off balance the relationship between tenant and landlord rights is in this state, immigration status is a key piece in allowing one who shares their investment with others to be able to protect it in the way they see fit.

This bill would once again give more rights to the potential tenant than those that are sharing many thousands, if not millions, of dollars of investment. In any tenant/landlord arrangement, there is more "skin in the game" financially on the side of the landlord/owner, and that needs to be respected.