



SB 599A - Fair Housing For All Oregonians

Prohibits Housing Discrimination Based on Immigration Status

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Comes from the Senate with Bi-Partisan Support (4-1 in committee and 21-9 off the Floor)

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, to reassure tenants and applicants that they cannot be deprived of housing rights based on their immigration or citizenship status. Four other states have similar protections. (NY, WA, CA, IL)

These practices are in keeping with state and federal fair housing principles and are already acknowledged best practices statewide. There were amendments adopted on the Senate side to address Landlord association requests, and those associations were neutral on the amended bill.

The bill will amend Oregon law to clarify that unless required by a federal housing subsidy program:

- 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.

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

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