



Senate Committee on Housing & Development

Testimony in Support of HB 3378

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AARP is pleased to support HB 3378. AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50+ to choose how they live as they age. AARP Oregon advocates on issues important to our 500,000 Oregon members with a focus on health security, financial resilience and livable communities.

In recent years, there has been a significant shift towards using digital technology for various aspects of daily life, including accessing our homes.

While this technological advancement offers convenience for many, it also poses substantial challenges for those who may not be tech-savvy or who do not own the necessary electronic devices.

This can include older Oregonians, those with cognitive or physical disabilities as well as lower-income Oregonians who may not be able to afford the type of phone equipment that can download the required software to work.

This bill requires that any tenant must be provided the option to use an alternative means whether it's using an electronic access code, fob, key card or an old fashion key. This ensures that all tenants, regardless of their technological proficiency or device ownership, can access their homes without difficulty.

While modern electronic entry systems offer many advantages, it is essential to balance these benefits with the need for inclusivity. HB 3378 provides just that and we urge its passage.