

February 6, 2026

**Re: Support for HB 4123 - Legislation to Protect Tenant Privacy**

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Arielle Hacker and I am writing on behalf of Prevent Child Abuse Oregon (PCAO) in support of HB 4123, which will support Landlord Confidentiality, and Tenant Privacy of Information.

PCAO is the Oregon chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America, the oldest and largest national nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Our work is grounded in the understanding that child safety begins with caregiver safety, stability, and trust in systems. We partner closely with community-based organizations, advocates, early childhood and family support programs, educators, health care providers, and state agencies across Oregon through our Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Collaborative.

Through this work, we know the importance of families having the resources and support needed to provide stable, nurturing environments for their children. Housing stability is one of the strongest protective factors in preventing child welfare system involvement, and privacy plays a critical role in whether families feel secure seeking and maintaining housing. When families fear that sensitive personal or financial information may be disclosed without their consent, it can create barriers to accessing housing, increase stress, and undermine trust in systems that are intended to support them.

In the course of applying for, securing, and maintaining housing, tenants share significant amounts of personally identifying, financially sensitive, and other private information with landlords and property managers. Public disclosure of this type of data can expose families to theft, fraud, harassment, or other harms; risks that can be especially acute for families experiencing economic hardship, survivors of violence, immigrants, or families already navigating significant stressors.

This Legislature has taken important steps in many contexts to provide reasonable consumer protections against inappropriate disclosure of private information. However, Oregon's landlord-tenant statutes currently lack clear confidentiality protections for the sensitive information landlords collect.

HB 4123 provides a straightforward and balanced solution. It will add a clear and simple provision to Oregon's Landlord Tenant Law, specifying that certain personally identifying, financially sensitive, and other private information may not be disclosed without written tenant consent, except when required by court order.

The bill clearly defines the types of information that must be kept confidential, and specifies appropriate exemptions for business necessities like conducting background or reference checks, or as necessary for the landlord's use in any administrative, court, or collection actions. The bill also ensures that affordable housing providers would be exempt from any contradictory requirements imposed by their local, state, or federal funders.

From a child abuse prevention perspective, policies that support housing stability, privacy, and trust are essential upstream strategies. When families feel safe accessing housing and confident that their personal information will be protected, they are better positioned to maintain stability, reduce stress, and focus on providing safe, supportive environments for their children.

Privacy protections in housing help strengthen families, support community trust, and ultimately contribute to safer outcomes for children. HB 4123 represents a thoughtful step toward those goals while providing clarity and consistency for both tenants and landlords.

For all of these reasons, we urge your strong support of this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and for your leadership in supporting Oregon's children, families, and communities.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arielle Hacker".

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February 4, 2026

To: House Committee on Judiciary

From: Prevent Child Abuse Oregon

Re: Support for HB 4088

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chair Chotzen, Vice-Chair Wallan and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Natalie Gordon and I am submitting testimony on behalf of Prevent Child Abuse Oregon (PCAO) to urge you to pass HB 4088.

Prevent Child Abuse Oregon's (PCAO) role is to advance statewide efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening families, supporting early childhood systems, and ensuring children have access to the services and protections they need to grow up safe and healthy. Gender affirming health care and advocating for youth bodily autonomy is essential to protecting all children's rights to decisions about their bodies. Everyone deserves to make decisions about their bodies and the medical care they receive. In light of proposed federal and out-of-state efforts to restrict evidence based, gender affirming care and reproductive health services, passing HB4088 as a state-level protection is especially critical. HB 4088 would protect the ability to make informed decisions about their own bodies, health, and future.

PCAO works in partnership with community-based organizations, health care providers, advocates, and state agencies across Oregon to promote prevention-focused, trauma-informed approaches that prioritize child wellbeing. We work closely with our partners to elevate research, data, and best practices, and to advocate for policies that center child wellbeing so that all children can thrive. Gender affirming health care and youth bodily autonomy is trauma informed and focuses on the individual's well being by advocating for their rights to make decisions about their own body and health. Studies show that transgender and queer youth who cannot secure access to medically necessary and effective care have significantly higher risk of mental health issues, suicidal ideation and long term impacts to quality of life.

We urge the committee to prioritize youth perspective in the deliberation of HB4088, especially marginalized youth, transgender youth and gender non conforming youth. From PCAO's engagement in the My Future My Choice (MFMC) program operated by Oregon Department of Human Services, we have heard perspectives of Oregon youth about the sexual health education they want to see in their Oregon schools and create these avenues for learning about sexual health education. an Oregonian transgender youth that is creating educational materials that elevate the experience of transgender

youth in sexual health education that he felt was not available to him. It has been incredible to observe him advocate for transgender youth autonomy and strategies that promote gender affirming sexual health education, but what brought him to lead civic engagement in his high school was not because

HB 4088 safeguards all youth and individuals who seek medical affirming care and reproductive health services.

PCAO is a member of the Oregon Youth Sexual Health Partnership

This bill safeguards all youth regardless of their gender identity or

Transgender and non-binary youth deserve a life of well being, joy and opportunities to thrive. We urge your support in HB 4088.

In partnership,

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