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‘Freedom to Find a Place’ Bill Passes Oregon House

Portland, Ore. — Today, the Oregon House passed the ‘Freedom to Find a Place’ bill, [House Bill 2134](#) on a 44-9 vote. The legislation makes a simple change in statute that allows tenants to give a 30-day notice to vacate a residence if the property owner has asked them to vacate after 90 days based on the owner returning to reside in the residence or sell. If in good standing, this gives tenants the ability to secure the new home that’s right for them.

“This legislation allows working families in Oregon the freedom to find a place when they’ve been asked to vacate the property when the landlord chooses to sell or occupy the residence. Given the lack of rental inventory in Oregon, this bill is a small change that allows people to move to the best property that is available,” said **Rep. Sanchez (D-N & NE Portland)**, chief sponsor of the bill.

In current law, if a tenant finds an ideal place to relocate themselves and their family within 90 days, they must either give up a chance to move to a home of their choice or pay double the rent to secure a new property. At the same time, [rental forecasts in Oregon](#) report that due to a lack of inventory, rents are expected to increase with fewer housing options available in the market.

“Oregonians are struggling to afford basic needs, and nowhere is this more apparent than in housing. This bill shifts the balance of power between tenants and landlords, ensuring that renters have a fair shot at stable housing in an increasingly competitive market,” said **Rep. Lesly Muñoz (D-Woodburn)**.

The bill goes next to the Oregon Senate for consideration.

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