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House Votes to Boost Privacy Protections for Rental Guests

The bill specifies that victims can claim compensatory damages, attorney's fees when they file suit over photos or recordings.

SALEM, Ore. - On Tuesday, the Oregon House passed [SB 470](#), legislation that allows rental guests to sue innkeepers or landlords who record photos, videos, or audio of them in private areas, including bedrooms, bathrooms, and other areas that aren't meant to be shared with other guests, visitors, or the property owner. Hosts who break the law could be required to pay damages and cover legal costs for the guest.

"This bill is about setting a clear boundary—when you pay for privacy, you should get privacy," said **Representative Willy Chotzen (D – Southeast Portland)**, a co-sponsor of the bill. "Oregonians deserve to feel safe, respected, and unmonitored in a space they've rented."

The bill clarifies that short-term hosts and hotels may still use security cameras in public or shared spaces such as hallways, lobbies, and entrances, but not inside private areas intended solely for the guest's use.

"Privacy isn't a luxury, it's a right," said **Rep. Tom Andersen (D - South Salem)**. "It is simply wrong to install a hidden camera in a place where people undress, sleep, or use the restroom. This bill makes sure there are legal consequences for that kind of behavior."

SB 470 is the latest consumer privacy protection advanced by the legislature this session and now heads to the Governor's desk for consideration.

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