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House Bill to Streamline Squatter Evictions Passes Unanimously

SALEM, Ore.— Today, the Oregon House of Representatives unanimously passed [HB 3522](#), a bipartisan bill that allows property owners and landlords to remove squatters using the standard eviction process.

The bill closes a loophole in Oregon law that prevents property owners from using the state’s standard eviction process—known as Forcible Entry and Detainer (FED)—to remove squatters when there is no evidence of forced entry or an existing landlord-tenant relationship. Without this fix, property owners have been forced into a lengthy and costly civil process known as ejectment, delaying access to their own property and racking up thousands in legal fees.

“This bill was born out of my commitments to listen to all of my constituents and bring people together on tough topics,” said **Rep. Annessa Hartman (D-Gladstone and Oregon City)**, chief sponsor of the bill. “I’m very proud that we came together to create a policy that is fair, practical and rooted in reality. Your home is your home.”

The bill allows property owners to pursue standard evictions when squatters are present without a lease—closing a loophole without affecting tenants’ rights.

“Our homes are our citadels and we need to protect what is rightfully ours,” said **Rep. Boomer Wright (R-Coos Bay)**, chief sponsor of the bill. “I am pleased to Co-Chief Sponsor this important piece of legislation that not only protects private property rights, but also protects our most vulnerable citizens from being exploited.”

Chief sponsor of the bill Rep. Hai Pham (D-S Hillsboro & W Beaverton) also had a personal experience with squatters on his property.

“Removing squatters costs individual homeowners thousands of dollars in costs and often takes months to process.” said **Rep. Hai Pham (D-S Hillsboro, W-Beaverton)**, chief sponsor of the bill. “We need to give immediate relief to property owners and more tools to remove unauthorized occupants.”

The bill drew wide-ranging support from both landlord and tenant advocacy groups. Organizations like Multifamily NW and the Oregon Law Center recognized the need for reform and backed the bill as a targeted fix.

“This legislation strikes the right balance between protecting tenants and ensuring our legal system isn’t exploited,” said **Rep. Ricki Ruiz (D-Gresham)**. “It’s about fairness and common sense.”

HB 3522 now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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