



AFSCME Urges Your Support of HB 4143B, Tenant Protections

Oregon AFSCME Council 75 urges your support of HB 4143B. We represent members in working in housing authorities, human services and early learning and child care around the state. All can tell stories of clients or families they serve struggling to find housing due to displacement. It isn't exclusive to the people they work with as some of our members have also experienced displacement through short notice and rent increases

Housing stability is an important issue for everyone, whether you're a single person or a family, knowing that your housing is secured and affordable is crucial. From a workforce standpoint, needing to search for new housing with fewer than 90 day notice can mean missed hours or days of work searching for a new place, doing the required paperwork and packing and moving your belongings.

For families with children, the stress is even greater as finding a place where their children can continue in the same school or child care settings. Disruptions like these have a an impact on children's ability to succeed in school and beyond. The 90 day notice will give families more of an opportunity to hopefully finding housing in their current neighborhoods, or weigh if an increase rent is something they can handle.

For licensed child care providers who rent the homes where they live and provide child care, having 90 day notice means that providers will have more time to figure out whether or not they can afford to stay in that home, charge more to their families or find a new home to live and provide care. The stability provided by this bill would not only impact the providers and their families, but the families for which they care as well.

We urges you to pass HB 4143, and provide much needed stability in housing for renters.