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Testimony in Support of HB 4143
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Chair Rosenbaum, Vice Chair Ferrioli, and Senators Beyer, Boquist, and Burdick:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony for HB 4143 that represents an important step for Oregon to address its housing crisis.

The Oregon Commission for Women, in its role as advocate for women and their families statewide, supports this bill. It allows responsible renters a modest amount of needed time to find other housing when losing their lease for no cause. There are many aspects to Oregon's housing crisis deeply affecting Oregonians, and renters in particular. As rents skyrocket in urban areas and cities across the state we share your concern that families and others experiencing increasing rents - beyond their means to support, have time to relocate. We have all experienced the disruption that moving creates. The added burden of little or no notice is a challenge that creates negative repercussions on other responsibilities including work, child care, school, and basic day-to-day living.

The OCFW believes that landlords have a responsibility and ability to provide reasonable notice of coming rent increases. This bill does not affect statutes protecting eviction for cause, while keeping many good renters from risking homelessness as they search for their next living space in an unprecedented tight market.

We must protect Oregon's families from disruption as we all work through solutions to our housing crisis. The OCFW urges you to positively consider HB 4143 as an important piece of this work.

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