

# 2026 POLICY BRIEF

## Oregon SB 1523

### About this Bill

SB 1523 allows tenants and rental housing applicants to opt out of using electronic tenant portals and electronic payment methods, requiring housing providers to offer alternative, non-digital options for communication and rent payment. The bill applies broadly to rental housing providers that use digital platforms to manage applications, payments, and ongoing tenancy matters.

While intended to increase accessibility, SB 1523 would significantly limit housing providers' ability to standardize operations and rely on widely used digital tools that improve efficiency, accuracy, and compliance.

- Prohibits housing providers from requiring tenants or applicants to use tenant portals.
- Requires providers to accept non-electronic forms of payment and communication.
- Creates operational challenges by forcing parallel systems for digital and non-digital processes.
- Increases administrative costs and complexity, particularly for small and mid-sized housing providers.

### Alignment with MFNW 2026 Legislative Priorities

Learn more about MFNW's legislative priorities at [pnwhousing.org/policy](https://pnwhousing.org/policy)

	Maintaining Affordability for Housing Providers		Long-Term Financing for Housing Development
	Supporting Additional Resources for Renters		Preventing Patchwork Regulations
	Promoting + Preserving All Housing Development		Meaningful Changes to the Eviction Process

## PLEASE OPPOSE SB 1523

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