H.B.6431
An Act Concerning Housing Opportunities for Justice-Impacted Persons

**THE PROBLEM**
Many men and women are rejected from private, public, and subsidized housing based solely on their criminal records.

**HOW THIS DISCRIMINATION PLAYS OUT**
Landlords, property managers, and housing agencies use tenant screening and selection policies to issue blanket denials to individuals with criminal records.

**WHY THIS APPROACH IS MISGUIDED**
Studies have shown that criminal history is a poor predictor of tenancy outcomes, and that criminal histories alone do not indicate the highest risk of re-offense.

**WHY THIS MATTERS**
This kind of discrimination continues to punish people with a record long after they have served their time. This is not only unfair, but unsafe. Research has shown that having stable housing reduces the risks of recidivism and enhances public safety.

**THE SOLUTION: H.B. 6431**
- Prevents landlords from issuing blanket denial of applicants with criminal records.
- Requires landlords to conduct an individualized assessment that takes into account factors such as time since the conviction, age at the time of the offense, and any evidence of mitigating circumstances (i.e. employment or rehabilitation).