

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).