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BOLI announces Douglas County housing settlement in family status civil rights case
Landlords may not discriminate against renters based on family status, agency says

PORTLAND, OR—A BOLI civil rights investigation into whether a Douglas County RV Park discriminated against residents based on family status has resulted in a settlement, the agency announced today.

Under Oregon civil rights law, landlords may not discriminate against families by charging them more or placing restrictions on them based on having children. In addition, property owners may not publish notices that serve to communicate discriminatory policies against families.

In the settlement, River Bend RV Park of Winston will pay a family of former residents \$8,500 without admitting liability. In addition, the facility's owners, managers and on-site managers have also met other terms of the settlement by completing training on fair housing practices.

"Oregon law protects families from unfair treatment when seeking a place to live," said Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian. "We hope that this settlement will help this family as they seek a new home while providing the landlords with valuable training about fair housing requirements."

Residents Rick Winkley and Crystal Winkley alleged that the owners would not let children leave spaces unattended and singled out children for restricted access for riding bikes or conveyances in the park roadways. In addition, complainants alleged that park managers complained about their eight-year old daughter constantly.

The couple sought damages after being allegedly forced to move out in late 2015.

Copies of the complaint and Consent Order are available upon request.

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