

# Co-Sponsor Senate FY27 Budget Amendment #826

## Eviction Record Sealing Improvements

### Amendment #826

Would provide: 1) automatic sealing of eviction records where the case ended in dismissal or the tenant wins and 2) the option for the court to waive eviction record sealing requirements upon agreement of the parties or in the interest of justice & public safety.

The eviction record sealing law has already **given thousands of renters the opportunity to start fresh** in their search for housing, with **6,284 petitions** filed as of May 1, 2026.

Currently, tenants have to file a petition with the court to seal a dismissed eviction case or a case that they win. Budget Amendment #826 would make the sealing process automatic in these two situations, **improving judicial efficiency & relieving administrative burden on the courts**, while making it easier and faster for tenants to seal records.

Join lead sponsor **Senator Lydia Edwards** and co-sponsor **Senate Budget Amendment #826**.

“One of the first things I did when the law passed was to seal my own eviction record. I had a dismissal... it gave me great peace of mind... and allowed me to move forward.”

Lori Stewart  
Housing Stability Coordinator  
Office of Mayor Pangallo

“It’s life-changing knowing that people have this tool to protect themselves when they move, when they decide to look for other housing opportunities, they don’t have to carry a burden that should have never been theirs to begin with.”

Norieliz DeJesus  
Director of Youth Programs  
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Listen to MLRI’s podcast, “Let’s Clear the Record: Empowering Tenants through Eviction Record Sealing” at this [link](#).

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