
SENATE BILL 6302

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By Senators Rolfes, Saldaña, Randall, Takko, and Das

1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting local governments from limiting
2 the number of unrelated persons occupying a home; adding a new
3 section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.21
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.01 RCW; and creating a new
5 section.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many Washington
8 cities and counties impose unrelated occupant limits on households,
9 which worsen the state's housing crisis by preventing full
10 utilization of homes, discriminate against nontraditional households,
11 and provide no public benefit. As a result, it is the intent of the
12 legislature with this act to prohibit local governments from limiting
13 the number of unrelated persons occupying a home.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 A city or town may not regulate or limit the number of unrelated
17 persons that may occupy a household or dwelling unit consistent with
18 any restrictions on occupant load of the structure as calculated by
19 the city or town in accordance with the applicable building code.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 A code city may not regulate or limit the number of unrelated
4 persons that may occupy a household or dwelling unit consistent with
5 any restrictions on occupant load of the structure as calculated by
6 the code city in accordance with the applicable building code.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 A county may not regulate or limit the number of unrelated
10 persons that may occupy a household or dwelling unit consistent with
11 any restrictions on occupant load of the structure as calculated by
12 the county in accordance with the applicable building code.

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