

Dear Senate Committee on Business & General Government,

I Strongly Oppose SB 621 which prohibits local governments from restricting use of lawful dwellings for vacation occupancy.

On the Oregon Coast, we have a housing emergency. One cause is vacation rentals. We can not house our work force, whether it is for the OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center employees, NOAA, State & Federal Agencies, etc. It has been a free-for-all for absentee property owners to put a vacation rental anywhere. This has caused a severe lack of standard rentals for workers. Whether it be for Government, Industry, Recreational, Service & Hospitality. Vacation Rentals have eliminated a huge % of regular monthly housing rentals available. Coastal Communities can't provide housing for the jobs available.

Every Community & County deserves the right to self determination. Our local Community needs to stop vacation rentals from ruining neighborhoods with parking problems, loud music, large number of guests, pets out of control, litter, etc. I strongly oppose SB 621 which takes away Coastal Community Rights. Communities need to make the best choices for our own communities for all people. Vacation Rentals have caused a housing emergency and are destroying family neighborhoods.

The Oregon Coast is not like other communities in Oregon. Coastal Government must limit Vacation Rentals for survival. We must have standard housing rentals for workers, and a limit on the number of vacation rentals for tourists.

Let those of us who live and work here decide what is best for us.

Sincerely,
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