

I am writing in opposition to SB 621.

Cities must retain the right to impose restrictions on vacation rental dwellings as well as enforce these regulations. Cities have the right to comply with their comprehensive community plans without the state of Oregon interfering.

If cities are not allowed to enforce their VRD regulations, there will be no consequences for those owners who fail to comply with city ordinances.

I live in Gearhart, Oregon. Our community decided by a large margin to comply with our city's comprehensive plan and to remain a residential community, not a short-term rental business community. This was not an easy decision given the pressures by online business to turn our homes essentially into hotels. Our community has resoundingly rejected unregulated short-term rentals.

The enforcement component is key to compliance with our city ordinance. There must be consequences for breaking the law.

This bill is designed to take the teeth out of any ordinances that limit VRD. This is a bad idea.

Please oppose this wrongheaded bill.

Thank you,

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