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Why are you funding free legal assistance for tenants? There is at least one reason and sometimes multiple reasons a tenant is being evicted or taken to small claims court. Lawyers can find ANY little thing to get a tenant off the hook for not keeping the agreement of the contract & the rules. This teaches the tenant they don't have to be responsible for their actions. This teaches them they can do damage and/or not pay rent and they can just walk away. This leaves the landlord with big losses. To compensate for the losses rent must be raised. The law has limited landlords that way also. There are ways for the truly needy tenants to receive assistance who rightfully have a legitimate reason to fight the eviction. You want more affordable housing and people need places to live. Please don't pass this bill SB 1533! You will be discriminating against the landlords! And you will defeat your purpose of having affordable housing.

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