

**SB 621 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Business and General Government**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits local government from enforcing any ordinance restricting use of lawful dwellings from being used for vacation occupancy. Allows local government to impose and collect transient lodging tax and require owner of dwelling used for vacation occupancy to register with local government.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Current statute defines "vacation occupancy" as occupancy of a dwelling unit for up to 45 days for vacation purposes only, not as a principal residence. The state has seen a rise in the number of privately owned properties offered for use as vacation occupancies. Local governments have sought to regulate vacation rentals in various ways, including registration, taxation, and a cap on the total number of short-term vacation rentals available in a jurisdiction.

Senate Bill 621 prohibits local government from enforcing any ordinance prohibiting the use of a residential dwelling as a vacation occupancy. The measure preserves the ability of local governments to require registration and collect transient lodging taxes.