

Dear Senator Girod,

I am writing to ask about the purpose of Senate Bill 621 regarding short-term rentals. I was trying to compose a comment regarding the bill, but I realized that I didn't understand what it was meant to achieve. Surely the intent is not to leave short-term rentals unregulated. Is the intent to regulate them at a higher level of government, i.e., the state?

I live in Tierra del Mar, which is a rural residential neighborhood. There are short-term rentals on either side of my home, as well as across the street. If anything, I favor tighter regulation, especially better enforcement of current Tillamook County laws.

We have any number of issues related to short-term rentals, including overcrowding, which results in pressure on our septic systems and water table, road congestion, and noise levels, (not to mention the most insidious issue, which is the degradation of community). Our neighborhood was not built for hotels of any size. And we were not meant to be keepers of the inns next door.

We are seeing an increase in the number of houses in our neighborhood being converted to short-term rentals. We don't know ultimately where this is going. We should not disable the possibility of further regulation.

With those thoughts in mind, I would appreciate your help in clarifying what this bill means and who benefits from it.

Sincerely yours,

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