

SB 621

Passing this bill will be extremely harmful to local governments who are well educated in what their citizens need to remain residents in tourist towns. VRDs are lucrative to owners, realtors, property managers, and lobbyists, but the fact is these 24/7 businesses are driving out the full time citizens who support tourist cities year round.

This bill, if passed, can entice more people to buy "affordable" homes to become VRDs which will in turn raise the property taxes of their neighbors. It will also possibly erase an ordinance in Lincoln City that says a person or corporation can only license one VRD in residential zones. Only the rich will prosper if this bill is passed.

Think of the working families making minimum wages in the tourist industry that will either be forced out of their homes due to increased taxes or will be unable to compete with the investors on buying a home in the city where they work. They will be forced to face long and expensive distance commutes and their children will miss after school activities because the school buses can only afford to go to outlying areas for pick up and delivery twice a day. Even our policemen, school teachers and firemen can't afford to live in Lincoln City because of what VRDs have already accomplished. Too many families in our town have become homeless.

Please vote this selfish bill down. Don't override the local government's wisdom. Support all of your citizens, not just the ones that are associated with VRDs.

Respectfully,

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