



CITY OF ASTORIA

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Chair Riley, Vice-Chair Girod, Members of the Senate Committee on Business and General Government:

The City of Astoria strongly opposes SB 621. Reasonable restrictions on short term rentals are essential to prevent Astoria from suffering the fate of other coastal communities whose residents are slowly but steadily being driven out in favor of commercial rental property owners. Astoria has taken steps to create reasonable restrictions on short term rentals through a public process, and prohibiting our ability to take such steps will result in a more rapid increase in the cost of permanent housing for residents, and a significant degradation of the unique small town qualities which make Astoria a desirable location for visitors and residents alike.

This bill, if passed, would also constitute an unreasonable usurpation of local authority by the State.

As Mayor of the City of Astoria, Oregon, I urge that SB 621 not be passed.

Respectfully,

Bruce Jones
Mayor of Astoria