

I am writing to oppose SB 621.

I believe cities must retain the right to impose agreed upon restrictions on vacation rental dwellings (VRD) as well as enforce these regulations. Cities have the right to comply with their comprehensive community plans without the state of Oregon interfering.

If cities are not allowed to enforce their VRD or Short Term Rental (STR) regulations, there will be no consequences for those owners who fail to comply with city ordinances.

I live in Gearhart, Oregon. By a large margin, our city residents voted to comply with a comprehensive plan to remain a residential community, not a STR/VRD business community. This was a difficult decision given the pressures applied by online businesses to turn our neighborhood homes into essentially hotels. Our community has resoundingly rejected unregulated STR or VRD.

The enforcement component is key to compliance with our city ordinance. There must be consequences for breaking the provisions laid out in the ordinance.

This bill (SB 621) is designed to render any ordinances that limit VRD or STR useless. This is an idea not in keeping with thoughtful concise community legislation.

Please oppose SB 621.

Thank you,

*Lyla Maxine Johnson*