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I OPPOSE [SB 306].

I can see an Attorney and or Law Firm could employ dozens of the licensed paralegals and under their tutelage provide legal services at a lower price. And [SB 306] could be useful and very lucrative.

I can also envision substandard legal advice given to poor people for what little money they may have.

Landlord-Tenant disputes are only going to mount as an aftermath of the Rent Moratoriums and the extensions. Governor Brown authorized a 14.6% annual increase in Rents. Whether Landlords will raise rents this high is debatable. Furthermore, hard economic times are now upon us. Inflation and credit rate increases are going to exacerbate an already tough rental market place.

What areas of Law will the Licensed paralegal be permitted to practice?

Everyone makes mistakes. What happens if a non-lawyer who gives bad legal advice and the client is placed in a worse situation than they were before employing one of these junior birdmen? Who compensates the further injured client?

Will malpractice insurance be compelled of the licensed paralegal? Who pays for malpractice insurance to make the injured client whole?

[SB 306] is well-intended but I can not support it.

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