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HOUSE BILL 1538

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By Representatives Leonard, Ogden, Morris and Flemming

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1 AN ACT Relating to rent control; and amending RCW 35.21.830 and  
2 36.01.130.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.21.830 and 1981 c 75 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The imposition of controls on rent is of state-wide significance  
7 and is preempted by the state. No city or town of any class may enact,  
8 maintain, or enforce ordinances or other provisions which regulate the  
9 amount of rent to be charged for single family or multiple unit  
10 residential rental structures or sites other than properties in public  
11 ownership, under public management, or properties providing low-income  
12 rental housing under joint public-private agreements for the financing  
13 or provision of such low-income rental housing. Nothing in this  
14 section may be construed to preempt local ordinances that relate to the  
15 control of rents at floating home moorage sites or mobile home parks as  
16 defined in RCW 59.20.030. This section shall not be construed as  
17 prohibiting any city or town from entering into agreements with private  
18 persons which regulate or control the amount of rent to be charged for  
19 rental properties.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.01.130 and 1991 c 363 s 43 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       The imposition of controls on rent is of state-wide significance  
4 and is preempted by the state. No county may enact, maintain or  
5 enforce ordinances or other provisions which regulate the amount of  
6 rent to be charged for single family or multiple unit residential  
7 rental structures or sites other than properties in public ownership,  
8 under public management, or properties providing low-income rental  
9 housing under joint public-private agreements for the financing or  
10 provision of such low-income rental housing. Nothing in this section  
11 may be construed to preempt local ordinances that relate to the control  
12 of rents at floating home moorage sites or mobile home parks as defined  
13 in RCW 59.20.030. This section shall not be construed as prohibiting  
14 any county from entering into agreements with private persons which  
15 regulate or control the amount of rent to be charged for rental  
16 properties.

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