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HOUSE BILL 2155

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By Representatives Veloria, Murray and Santos

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1 AN ACT Relating to affordable housing; and amending RCW 35.21.830.

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

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

5 The imposition of controls on rent is of state-wide significance  
6 and is preempted by the state. No city or town of any class, with a  
7 population less than four hundred thousand, may enact, maintain, or  
8 enforce ordinances or other provisions which regulate the amount of  
9 rent to be charged for single family or multiple unit residential  
10 rental structures or sites other than properties in public ownership,  
11 under public management, or properties providing low-income rental  
12 housing under joint public-private agreements for the financing or  
13 provision of such low-income rental housing. This section shall not be  
14 construed as prohibiting any city or town from entering into agreements  
15 with private persons which regulate or control the amount of rent to be  
16 charged for rental properties.

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