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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5286**

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**State of Washington**

**65th Legislature**

**2017 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Angel, Hobbs, Fain, and Takko)

READ FIRST TIME 02/01/17.

1           AN ACT Relating to prohibiting regulation of the amount of rent  
2 for commercial properties; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW; and adding a new section  
4 to chapter 36.01 RCW.

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

6           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8           The imposition of controls on rent is of statewide significance  
9 and is preempted by the state. No city or town of any class may  
10 enact, maintain, or enforce ordinances or other provisions which  
11 regulate the amount of rent to be charged for commercial rental  
12 structures or sites other than properties in public ownership or  
13 properties under public management. This section does not prohibit  
14 any city or town from entering into agreements with private persons  
15 which regulate or control the amount of rent to be charged for  
16 commercial properties.

17           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.21  
18 RCW to read as follows:

19           The imposition of controls on rent is of statewide significance  
20 and is preempted by the state. No code city may enact, maintain, or

1 enforce ordinances or other provisions which regulate the amount of  
2 rent to be charged for commercial rental structures or sites other  
3 than properties in public ownership or properties under public  
4 management. This section does not prohibit any code city from  
5 entering into agreements with private persons which regulate or  
6 control the amount of rent to be charged for commercial properties.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01  
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 The imposition of controls on rent is of statewide significance  
10 and is preempted by the state. No county may enact, maintain, or  
11 enforce ordinances or other provisions which regulate the amount of  
12 rent to be charged for commercial rental structures or sites other  
13 than properties in public ownership or properties under public  
14 management. This section does not prohibit any county from entering  
15 into agreements with private persons which regulate or control the  
16 amount of rent to be charged for commercial properties.

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