
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6651

State of Washington

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By Senate Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade
(originally sponsored by Senator Fortunato)

READ FIRST TIME 02/07/20.

1 AN ACT Relating to preventing the local prohibition of
2 uncompensated tenant evictions for any period of time; adding a new
3 section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.21
4 RCW; and adding a new section 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 A city or town of any class may not enact, maintain, or enforce
9 ordinances or other provisions that prohibit for any period of time
10 any evictions of tenants by landlords in single-family or multifamily
11 residential rental units or manufactured/mobile home communities as
12 authorized under chapter 59.12, 59.18, or 59.20 RCW unless the city
13 or town compensates the landlord for the cost of rent, as defined in
14 RCW 59.18.030.

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

17 A code city may not enact, maintain, or enforce ordinances or
18 other provisions that prohibit for any period of time any evictions
19 of tenants by landlords in single-family or multifamily residential
20 rental units or manufactured/mobile home communities as authorized

1 under chapter 59.12, 59.18, or 59.20 RCW unless the code city
2 compensates the landlord for the cost of rent, as defined in RCW
3 59.18.030.

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

6 A county may not enact, maintain, or enforce ordinances or other
7 provisions that prohibit for any period of time any evictions of
8 tenants by landlords in single-family or multifamily residential
9 rental units or manufactured/mobile home communities as authorized
10 under chapter 59.12, 59.18, or 59.20 RCW unless the county
11 compensates the landlord for the cost of rent, as defined in RCW
12 59.18.030.

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