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Short-Term Vacation Rentals – Oppose SB 188

SB 188 (Steube) will be considered by the Senate Regulated Industries Committee on Tuesday, March 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Please contact senators on this committee and urge them to OPPOSE SB 188.

SB 188 (Steube) would preempt cities from adopting ordinances specific to vacation rentals. The Florida League of Cities opposes SB 188 because it would take away local government authority to regulate short term rental properties to protect the health and welfare of residents, visitors and businesses. If your city has adopted a vacation rental ordinance since the law changed in 2014, that ordinance will be nullified.

Message to Senators:

A short-term vacation rental is defined as a property that is rented more than three times a year for less than 30 days at a time.

Vacation rentals are causing problems in many cities around the state by creating commercial activity in residential areas (mini-hotels in neighborhoods). Problems include noise, inadequate parking, infrastructure intended for residential use is now being used on a commercial scale, and decreased property values in neighborhoods taken over by vacation rentals. Since 2014, impacted cities have crafted ordinances specific to vacation rentals to ensure that the properties are safe to stay in, while protecting the property rights of those living in the community.

Oppose SB 188 because it would prohibit cities from putting in place reasonable standards for vacation rentals in their communities.

Please contact members of the Senate Regulated Industries Committee and urge them to Oppose SB 188!

Senate Regulated Industries Committee – Oppose SB 188

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Thank you for your advocacy efforts!