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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2019 Session of Oregon Legislature:

SB 621: Oppose

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party opposes this bill, which prohibits local governments from restricting use of lawful dwellings for vacation occupancy.

This would apparently preempt all local regulation of use of residences as vacation rentals, except to collect a transient lodging tax. We do not believe that localities should be forced to accept having a large portion of housing transformed into vacation rentals. Such transformation can impose additional costs on local government. Houses that are not occupied some or all of the time are more susceptible to burglary and vandalism, thus increasing the cost of local policing. Vacation rentals are sometimes used for very loud partying by persons who have little regard for their (temporary) neighbors.

The proliferation of vacation rentals can also use up housing resources needed for local workers in the local economy.

We recommend that legislators return those campaign contributions from vacation rental companies and side with local residents and local government.

