

Opposition to H 5503 - Just cause evictions

I am against the bill as it seems devious to include rent control in a bill that has nothing to do with rent. It seems that the sponsors should be listening to housing providers more than they are. If you were to, I am confident that one of the biggest needs would be a mechanism to get compensatory damages that are excessive and go beyond the amount of a deposit. The bill actually attempts to give a tenant actual damages and attorney's fees, if housing providers doesn't follow the law to the letter.

This legislation has put in a tremendous amount of energy into making housing anti-discrimination laws. With all the laws on the books, the sponsors are saying this just isn't enough they want to give a tenant more rights to a property than the actual owner. The property owner has rights because they are the owner, it is their property! As long as they do not violate the fair housing act then it is justified.

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