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**SENATE BILL 6302**

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**By** Senators Rolfes, Saldaña, Randall, Takko, Das, Hasegawa, Hunt, Lovelett, Nguyen, and Wilson, C.

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting local governments from limiting  
2 the number of unrelated persons occupying a home; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.21  
4 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.01 RCW; and creating a new  
5 section.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many Washington  
8 cities and counties impose unrelated occupant limits on households,  
9 which worsen the state's housing crisis by preventing full  
10 utilization of homes, discriminate against nontraditional households,  
11 and provide no public benefit. As a result, it is the intent of the  
12 legislature with this act to prohibit local governments from limiting  
13 the number of unrelated persons occupying a home.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21  
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 A city or town may not regulate or limit the number of unrelated  
17 persons that may occupy a household or dwelling unit consistent with  
18 any restrictions on occupant load of the structure as calculated by  
19 the city or town in accordance with the applicable building code.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 35A.21  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        A code city may not regulate or limit the number of unrelated  
4    persons that may occupy a household or dwelling unit consistent with  
5    any restrictions on occupant load of the structure as calculated by  
6    the code city in accordance with the applicable building code.

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

9        A county may not regulate or limit the number of unrelated  
10   persons that may occupy a household or dwelling unit consistent with  
11   any restrictions on occupant load of the structure as calculated by  
12   the county in accordance with the applicable building code.

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