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SB 6490 – ENDANGERING TENANT SAFETY HEARING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 AT 1:30 P.M.

**Urging all WLA members to attend the Hearing to Testify in
Opposition of SB 6490**

Where: Senate Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation Committee,
JA Cherberg Building, Room 4.

SB 6490 – Endangering Tenant Safety

1. **Criminal History is Critical to Safe Housing** – Without access to accurate criminal records in evaluating a prospective tenant, a landlord cannot provide for the safety of their current tenants.
2. **Hiding Criminal History is Dangerous for Tenants** – The city of Seattle’s policy has endangered residents of rental housing by prohibiting the lawful use of criminal history in tenant screening.
3. **WA Law Already Protects Against Outdated Information** – Current Washington law protects citizens from being judged by old criminal convictions. Conviction data older than seven years cannot be used against someone in housing decisions.
4. **Federal Rules Already Exists** – A criminal history screening policy must achieve a substantial, legitimate, non-discriminatory interest; it may be determined to be discriminatory when that policy disproportionately affects certain protected classes.

Sponsors: *Senators Darneille, Das, Kuderer, Lovelett, Nguyen, Saldaña, Wilson, C.*

STATUS: Senate Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation Committee
Hearing: Thursday, January 30 at 1:30 p.m. – JAC Rm 4

Please also **contact the members of the Senate Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation Committee** Urging them to **OPPOSE SB 6490**.

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