

**HB 1441 - H AMD 350**

By Representative Walsh

1 On page 1, line 6, after "**Sec. 1.**" insert "(1) The legislature  
2 finds that:

3 (a) The COVID-19 public health crisis has caused sustained  
4 economic hardships on many Washingtonians and that these hardships  
5 include the inability to afford basic household expenses such as rent;

6 (b) There are limited resources available that must be prioritized  
7 to ensure the Washingtonians in the greatest need receive assistance;  
8 and

9 (c) Individuals whose income and health have not been adversely  
10 affected by the pandemic, but who have chosen to default on their  
11 financial obligations, should not have protections extended to them.

12 (2) Therefore, the legislature finds that it must protect those  
13 who were directly impacted by the COVID-19 public health crisis and  
14 who made good faith efforts to use all resources available to them  
15 from consequences brought on by actions beyond their control.

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17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2."

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19 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
20 internal references accordingly.

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22 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Adds a findings and intent section describing the  
intent to provide protections to renters who made a good faith  
effort to use all available resources.

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