

SB 6315-S.E - DIGEST

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/09/06)

Declares an intent to increase the housing available to sex offenders by providing that landlords who rent to registered sex offenders shall be immune from civil liability for damages that may result.

Provides that a landlord who rents to a registered sex offender is immune from civil liability for damages caused by the tenant if the actions of the tenant that gave rise to civil liability were sex offenses described in RCW 9.94A.030. In order for a landlord to be protected from liability as provided under this provision, a landlord must disclose to residents of the property that he or she rents or has a policy of renting to sex offenders.

Requires the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to conduct a study on sex offender registration and sex offender housing laws in every state.

Requires the findings and any recommendations from the study to be placed into a final report to the appropriate committees of the legislature no later than December 31, 2006.