

HB 1461 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Finds that taking legal action against a manufactured/mobile home community landlord for violations of the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act can be a costly and lengthy process, and that many people cannot afford to pursue a court process to vindicate statutory rights. Manufactured/mobile home community landlords will also benefit by having access to a process that resolves disputes quickly and efficiently.

Declares an intent to provide an equitable as well as a less costly and more efficient way for manufactured/mobile home tenants and manufactured/mobile home community landlords to resolve disputes, and to provide a mechanism for state authorities to quickly locate manufactured/mobile home community landlords.

Declares an intent to authorize the department of community, trade, and economic development to register manufactured/mobile home communities, collect a registration fee, and collaborate with the attorney general to disseminate educational materials regarding the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act and the manufactured/mobile home dispute resolution program created in this act.

Declares an intent to authorize the attorney general to:

- (1) Administer a dispute resolution program by taking complaints, conducting investigations, making determinations, and administratively resolving disputes, when there are alleged violations of the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act or the consumer protection act;

- (2) Collect and annually report upon data related to disputes and violations, and make recommendations on modifying chapter 59.20 RCW, to the appropriate committees of the legislature; and

- (3) Produce, and collaborate with the department of community, trade, and economic development to distribute, educational materials regarding the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act and the manufactured/mobile home dispute resolution program created in section 3 of this act.