

HB 1856 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Authorizes a tenant, if a tenant or a household member is a victim of sexual assault, stalking, or sexual harassment by a landlord, to: (1) Terminate the rental agreement and quit the premises without further obligation under the rental agreement or under chapter 59.12 RCW (forcible entry and forcible and unlawful detainer) prior to making a copy of a valid order for protection or a written record of a report signed by a qualified third party available to the landlord, if certain conditions are met;

(2) Change or add locks to the tenant's dwelling unit at the tenant's expense and give a copy of the new key to a qualified third party, regardless of whether the tenant exercises his or her rights to terminate the rental agreement; and

(3) Sue the landlord in any court of competent jurisdiction for relocation assistance.