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**HB 1441** - H AMD **350**

By Representative Walsh

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

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

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

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

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

 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.**"

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

 Correct the title.

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|  |  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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