
BILL REQUEST - CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

BILL REQ. #: S-5438.1/18

ATTY/TYPIST: CL:lcl

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Recognizing the fiftieth anniversary of the federal Fair Housing Act.

1 WHEREAS, On April 11, 1968, the Fair Housing Act was enacted into
2 law, recognizing that no American should have the right to purchase
3 or rent shelter of choice abridged because of race, color, religion,
4 sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation,
5 or gender identity; and

6 WHEREAS, The year 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of this
7 monumental civil rights Act of Congress; and

8 WHEREAS, The State of Washington is committed to the mission and
9 intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities
10 for all; and

11 WHEREAS, Equality of opportunity for all is a fundamental policy
12 of this nation and our state; and

13 WHEREAS, The location that people live has a direct impact on the
14 quality of their health, education, and access to economic
15 opportunities; and

16 WHEREAS, Discriminatory housing practices create racial and
17 economic segregation in communities that can lead to disparate
18 outcomes in overall quality of life; and

19 WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate believes that access to fair
20 housing laws have made our communities stronger and more vibrant in
21 Washington State; and

1 WHEREAS, We are committed to programs that will help educate the
2 public about the right to equal housing in the State of Washington;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, We are committed to promoting housing choices and
5 fostering inclusive communities free from housing discrimination;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
7 recognize the 50th Anniversary of the federal Fair Housing Act, and
8 thank the many people and organizations in our communities who have
9 opened the doors of housing opportunity to all citizens.

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