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Please see the update from FLC on SB 1128 – Short-Term Rentals. It is important that we recognize Senators Farmer and Brandes' no vote on the Bill- please send them a thank you. Additionally it looks like there is room for amendments to the Bill which would be favorable to our cities. I will keep you informed so please stay engaged and involved on the matter. Effective advocacy can be done from your computer/cell phone....you don't have to be in Tallahassee to make your voice heard. You just need to COMMUNICATE!

Helpful hint: Reach out to your legislators and make sure you have a cell phone number for them. Texting is very effective as often times they are not able to read emails.

Thank you for you do on behalf of our cities!

Best,

Mary Lou

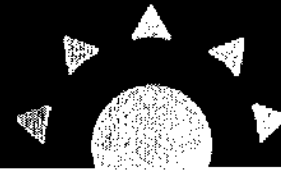
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



SB 1128 Passed the Senate Innovation, Industry & Technology Committee OPPOSE SB 1128: Short Term Rentals

Today, SB 1128 (Diaz) passed the Senate Innovation, Industry and Technology Committee by a vote of 8-2. While it passed this committee, several senators expressed concerns with the bill as-written, and said they would not support the bill in future committees unless significant changes are made.
[View our media statement with proposed solutions.](#)

Among other things, SB 1128 will preempt the regulation of short-term rentals to the state and undo local ordinances adopted since 2014.

Committee Vote

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Click [here](#) to view the complete committee vote.

Please thank Senators Gary Farmer and Jeff Brandes for voting NO on SB 1128.

Special thanks to Indian Harbour Beach City Manager Mark Ryan and Jacksonville Beach Mayor Charles Latham for traveling to Tallahassee to testify on the bill.

Watch the Committee Hearing on the Florida Channel

Click [here](#) to watch the committee hearing. SB 1128 is the first bill considered by the committee.

Thank You for Your Advocacy Efforts!

SB 1128 will next go to the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee. We will keep you posted as this issue progresses.



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Florida League of Cities Expresses Concern, Offers Solutions For Short-Term Rental Bill

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. –The **Florida League of Cities**, the united voice for Florida’s municipal governments, issued a statement of concern in response to the passage of SB 1128 earlier today:

“The Florida League of Cities is disappointed the short-term rental bill, SB 1128, passed through its first stop today in the Senate Innovation, Industry and Technology Committee. City officials will continue to be heard on this issue and provide local examples of how this sweeping preemption would deeply threaten the safety and quality of our neighborhoods.

During committee testimony, the League offered multiple solutions on how to amend this bill to create a safe, workable environment for short-term rentals in Florida.

The majority of public safety issues arise when out-of-town investors create “mini hotels” in residential neighborhoods. Imagine the single family home next door being advertised to “comfortably sleep 16.” The drain on local law enforcement to stop loud parties, fights and parking violations distracts from serving taxpaying residents’ needs. To address this problem, we suggest exempting homestead and owner-occupied properties from local regulations specifically directed toward corporate short-term rentals.

Another recommendation deals with creating a transparent structure for fines, which is an important tool local communities use to deter bad actors and repeat offenders. We propose standardizing fines based on a percentage of the nightly room rate for each rental.

We also promote a partnership between cities and the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to ensure that short-term rentals are being inspected with regularity and efficiency.

We hope our partners at the state level will consider our full list of recommendations moving forward. With 74% of voters in favor of local city/county commissioners setting regulations for short-term rentals, it’s clear that this is an issue that should be handled locally.

We will stay engaged on this issue as it is a priority of cities across Florida.”

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Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida's cities, which are formed and governed by their citizens. The League believes in "Local Voices Making Local Choices," which focuses on the impact citizens and city leaders have in improving Florida's communities. For more information, visit flcities.com.