

Kelly Connelly  
Resident

Dear Committee Members,

Please vote against proposed bill LD 1590.

As Maine residents, voters, and a VRBO short-term rental owners, we can not keep our rental running with another fee/tax. Between sales tax, property tax, VRBO fees, cost of running the rental, and upkeep, we will no longer be able to continue.

We were planning on this small income to live in this state. We bought the property three years ago and just started renting last summer due to the amount of work that needed be done on the property ( we have paid out close to \$100,000 to local contractors, painters, roofers, etc.). If we have to continue paying more money out and our small profit shrinks, we will have to sell and leave the state.

We are two responsible citizens who bring our teacher pensions to Maine and spend on the communities around us. We encourage our renters to visit and support the small businesses and communities around us. In addition, we bring a lot of family and friends to the state who also contribute to the economy. We will not be able to do this if we sell and leave.

We were warned how expensive Maine is for residents but we decided to give it a chance. This additional tax would be our breaking point.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Connelly  
Sarah Miller