

HB 343 -- PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS

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Currently, no county or city can regulate the amount of rent for certain residential or commercial rental property.

This bill specifies that no county or city can enact, maintain, or enforce any ordinance or resolution that prohibits landlords from refusing to lease or rent certain residential or commercial property to a person because the person's source of income includes aid from a Federal housing assistance program.

The bill specifies that no city or county may enact an ordinance that:

- (1) Prohibits landlords from using income-qualifying methods to determine whether to rent or lease a property to a prospective tenant;
- (2) Prohibits landlords from requesting tenant criminal records;
- (3) Limits the amount of security deposit required from a tenant;
or
- (4) Requires tenants to automatically receive the right of first refusal.

This bill is the same as HB 2385 (2024).