

HCS HBs 595 & 343 -- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCES FOR RENTAL
PROPERTY (Brown (16))

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Commerce

This bill specifies that no county or city can enact, maintain, or enforce any ordinance or resolution that:

- (1) Prohibits landlords from refusing to lease or rent certain residential or commercial rental property to a person because the person's source of income includes aid from a federal or other housing assistance program.
- (2) Restricts a landlord's ability to use or consider income-qualifying methods, credit reports, eviction or property damage history or criminal history, or to request such information in order to determine whether to rent or lease a property to a prospective tenant;
- (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 allows the county or city to enter into voluntary agreements with private persons to regulate the amount of rent charged for subsidized rental properties.