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## Florida League of Cities Issues Statement on HB 1011 – Short-Term Rentals

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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 HB 1011:

“The Florida League of Cities agrees with 75 percent of Floridians who believe short-term rentals should be regulated at the local level. However, today’s decision by the House Workforce Development and Tourism Subcommittee to pass HB1011, which preempts short-term rental regulation to the state, goes directly against what a supermajority of residents believe. The League is concerned that legislators are not listening to what Floridians want: the ability to have local voices make local choices about short-term rentals to directly address problems in their communities. Legislators must recognize that what works for Key West or Miami may not work for Gainesville or Pensacola.

During committee testimony, the League presented House members with a number of ways to amend the bill to successfully balance state and local control. HB 1011 should be amended to protect homesteaded and owner-occupied properties by focusing on investor-owned and LLC-run properties that typically bring the majority of public safety incidents. We also suggest a transparent and flexible structure for fines to ensure they have the desired effect of punishing repeat offenders that continue to be a nuisance to neighborhoods. Lastly, creating a partnership with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation would allow the DBPR to contract with cities to provide enforcement and help preserve the character of our communities.

Allowing cities to have a voice in this process will help ensure any legislation regulating short-term rentals balances the rights of ALL property owners and not just those of the investor-owned ‘mini-hotels’ that are negatively impacting Florida neighborhoods.

This is a critically important issue for cities, and the Florida League of Cities will continue to ensure the voices of our members are heard.”

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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](http://flcities.com).