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SENATE BILL 5569

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State of Washington                      65th Legislature                      2017 Regular Session  
By Senators Angel, Sheldon, Rivers, and Padden

1            AN ACT Relating to protected classes in housing; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.21  
3 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 36.01 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    A new section is added to chapter 35.21  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7            The creation of a protected class in housing is of statewide  
8 significance and is preempted by the state. No city or town may  
9 enact, maintain, or enforce ordinances or other provisions that  
10 create additional protected classes against whom housing  
11 discrimination is declared to be an unfair practice by the law  
12 against discrimination. This section must not be construed as  
13 prohibiting any city or town from entering into agreements with  
14 private persons that create groups to protect from discrimination.

15            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 35A.21  
16 RCW to read as follows:

17            The creation of a protected class in housing is of statewide  
18 significance and is preempted by the state. No code city may enact,  
19 maintain, or enforce ordinances or other provisions that create  
20 additional protected classes against whom housing discrimination is

1 declared to be an unfair practice by the law against discrimination.  
2 This section must not be construed as prohibiting any code city from  
3 entering into agreements with private persons that create groups to  
4 protect from discrimination.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 The creation of a protected class in housing is of statewide  
8 significance and is preempted by the state. No county may enact,  
9 maintain, or enforce ordinances or other provisions that create  
10 additional protected classes against whom housing discrimination is  
11 declared to be an unfair practice by the law against discrimination.  
12 This section must not be construed as prohibiting any county from  
13 entering into agreements with private persons that create groups to  
14 protect from discrimination.

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