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From: Sarah Burnham <sabbur15@yahoo.com>
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To: HSGTestimony
Subject: Raised Bill No. 6759

To the Honorable Members of the Housing Committee,

In regards to Raised Bill No. 6759, the phrase "infested with bed bugs" is not defined.

As a landlord who has had a 3-family infested with bedbugs, there is a huge difference between finding one bed bug, 100 bedbugs, and 10,000 bedbugs. 100 bedbugs is actually very small and can be killed easily. 10,000 bedbugs, which I probably had much more than that since the tenant waited 4 months until they were spreading to their neighbor before I found out, is definitely an "infestation" where they are literally getting into the wall and spreading between units.

For example, if finding a cockroach in kitchen, once and not ever again, is not an infestation. Finding 10 when you open the cabinet is. Finding a mouse in the house is not an infestation, but finding droppings in cabinet draws is.

I feel this bill needs to clearly define what an "infestation" means.

Sincerely,
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