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LEGISLATIVE BILL 266

FINAL READING

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to local governments; to prohibit ordinances
- which have the effect of imposing rent controls on private property;
- 3 to define terms; to provide limits on such ordinances; and to
- 4 provide applicability.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- 1 **Section 1.** (1) For purposes of this section:
- 2 (a) Local government means any city, village, or county or any
- 3 agency or subdivision of a city, village, or county; and
- 4 (b) Ordinance means any local law, including, but not limited to,
- 5 <u>any ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation.</u>
- 6 (2) Except as expressly permitted by other state law or by
- 7 subsection (3) of this section, a local government shall not have the
- 8 power to enact or enforce any ordinance which would have the effect of
- 9 <u>imposing rent controls on private property.</u>
- 10 (3) This section does not apply to an ordinance that:
- 11 (a) Is adopted for the purposes of increasing the supply of
- 12 <u>affordable housing and that does so through land-use or inclusionary</u>
- 13 <u>housing requirements; or</u>
- 14 (b) Provides for a program that a private property owner voluntarily
- 15 and contractually agrees to participate in and that restricts rent and
- 16 rent increases.
- 17 (4) This section applies notwithstanding the provisions of any home
- 18 rule charter.
- 19 (5) Any ordinance in violation of this section is null and void.