

My husband and I have been hosting for 3 1/2 years. My husband is a disabled veteran and the ability to host through Airbnb has benefited both of us tremendously. Hosting provides supplemental income by allowing me to generate income and still be available to help my husband. It gives my husband a low key, stress free purpose and allows us to meet so many interesting people. We are pet friendly and offer many travelers traveling with pets the ability to visit family or have a night of rest with a nice, safe fenced in yard for their dogs to stretch their legs. We have helped several local residents with a short term rental during times of necessity, whether it be needing accommodations due to a house fire, or needing accommodations while their new house was constructed, many of whom have pets and would have trouble finding temporary living arrangements. We have had many past residents stay with us on return visits to the area to visit friends and family. We have had several people coming to the area hospitals for specialized care, whom have stayed with us before, during and after their procedures. The income from hosting helped us purchase our home and is allowing us to save for the future while at the same time reducing the stress of being caught in an emergency and not having the financial resources necessary. HB563 would provide the necessary legislation to protect our ability to host and continue to provide for our guests as we have been.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Holland