

2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHO

The **Washington Multi Family Housing Association (WMFHA)** is WA State's most trusted community partner and foremost rental housing resource. WMFHA represents over 2,500 members with **329k doors** that comprise residential properties, suppliers, property management, and non-profit entities.



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WHAT

We **actively influence** the legislative process and **advocate equitably** for our **industry** and the communities we serve.

This year we aim to support housing creation by holding the line on rent control and tenant protections, advancing efforts to decrease burdensome costs and regulations on housing, and support incentives to achieve the housing stock we need.



LEGISLATIVE POLICY



Remove & oppose barriers to the creation of rental housing including efforts to enact rent control

Rent cap of 7% in Seattle would put over 20,000 new units at risk for being produced
The State must encourage continued investment in rental housing to meet the demand needed to house Washington



Collaboratively balance the process of enforcing terms of an apartment lease contract

Housing providers, employees, and neighbors must have certainty the court process works efficiently to enforce the law and an apartment lease contract



Invest in existing rental housing by expanding access to resources for housing providers/residents

Promote increasing supportive services for residents in need
Support investments of the construction of multifamily and incentives for increasing housing supply



Maintain multifamily industry growth as it contributes to the economy, remains a critical job creator, while bolstering workforce development.

Advocate for more supportive services for residents in need
WA apartments and their residents contribute \$80.1 billion to the state economy annually, supporting 322,000 jobs