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Bill Analysis

SB 1560 provides that it shall be a misdemeanor for persons to camp on a public place without the effective consent of the officer or agency having the legal duty or authority to manage the public place. Consent may not be granted unless it is for recreational purposes, sheltering homeless individuals in certain circumstances, and providing emergency shelter. The measure provides that intent may be established through evidence of activities associated with sustaining a living accommodation. This measure shall not preempt municipal or county ordinances that are equal to or more stringent than the provisions of the measure. The measure directs officers to notify individuals violating the provisions of this measure of alternative, legal areas to camp and to contact the organization managing the space. Such steps shall not be needed if the officer determines that there is a threat to the health and safety of any person. Political subdivisions may not establish an area for camping unless the local housing authority with authorized jurisdiction approves a plan that meets certain requirements established by the measure. Subdivisions may not prohibit the enforcement of the provisions of this measure.

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