



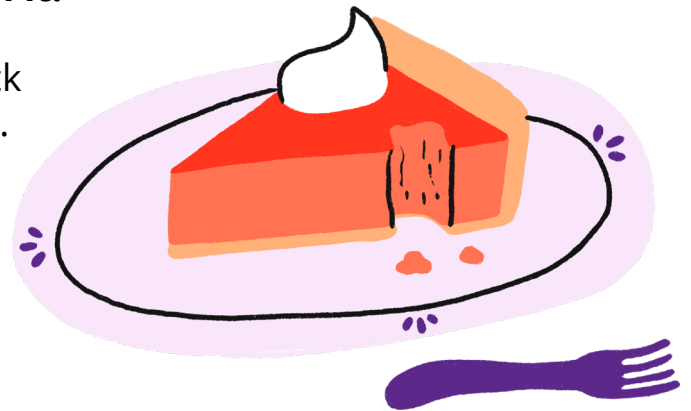
We deserve to have control over our futures, without falling victim to predatory lending practices. Loans made to Washingtonians should be regulated by Washington's consumer protection laws.

Pass [SB 6025](#) to Clearly Define a Loan and Regulate Predatory Rent-a-Bank Schemes

Predatory lending is a persistent threat to the material well-being of millions of Washingtonians, with the economic tumult of the last four years forcing many to use credit to meet short term obligations like rent, groceries, and utility payments.

Without a clear definition of a loan, predatory lenders can market products that walk, talk, and act like loans without the official label and existing, common sense regulation that comes with it.

As financial technology evolves at a breakneck pace, our state's regulation needs to keep up. By clearly defining what "counts" as a loan, we can stay ahead of the curve and ensure that regulation we've already passed covers lending products as they come onto the market instead of waiting until after they've harmed consumers in our state.



Example: Rent-a-Bank Schemes

Rent-a-Bank schemes allow online lenders to evade state regulations by affiliating with banks in states with more lenient consumer protections and market loans with interest rates up to 160% APR.

By passing loans through out-of-state banks, online lenders flout regulations passed by Washington lawmakers to protect consumers from these predatory practices. With the movement of lending and banking online, these schemes are easier than ever to carry out.

[SB 6025](#) clearly outlines the definition of a loan, ensuring that loans made to Washingtonians are subject to Washington's consumer protections.

Please support this legislation to protect Washington consumers from predatory lending.