

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1534

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25, 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 158
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred H.C.R. No. 158 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP LANDLORD-
TENANT CODE IMPROVEMENTS TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING
IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a working group
dedicated to researching and improving the landlord-tenant code.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this
measure from Hawaii Realtors and from one individual. Your
Committee received testimony providing comments from the State
Department of the Attorney General and from the Maui Tenants and
Workers Association.

Your Committee finds that clarifying and improving
landlord-tenant laws will support the vitality of rental housing
in Hawaii, and that addressing other relevant landlord-tenant
issues would provide an opportunity for collaboration among key
stakeholders. Your Committee acknowledges commentary from the
State Attorney General regarding concerns about convening the
working group.

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Your committee notes the Judiciary's support of S.B. No. 822, Regular Session of 2025, which this committee heard previously, and its willingness to convene the working group.

Your Committee has therefore amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the convening entity from the Attorney General to the Judiciary;
- (2) Narrowing the scope of this Concurrent Resolution by removing the request to identify the potential availability of housing stock not offered for rent;
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 158, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 158, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,

 for

SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 158	Committee Referral: CPC, JHA	Date: 3/20/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (C)	✓			
2. CHUN, Cory M. (VC)	✓			
3. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco	✓			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
8. MARTEN, Lisa	✓			
9. TAM, Adrian K.	✓			
10. PIERICK, Elijah				✓
TOTAL (10)	9	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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