

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

969

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1662
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 1662, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit a landlord or the landlord's agent from charging an application fee for a criminal background check or credit report if an applicant provides a certified copy of a criminal background check or credit report;
- (2) Prohibit a landlord or the landlord's agent from charging an application fee if a comprehensive reusable tenant screening report is available; and
- (3) Require a landlord or the landlord's agent to provide, upon request, a certified copy of an applicant's criminal background check or credit report.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.



Your Committee finds that significant competition for rental units in the State often necessitates the submission of multiple rental applications. The associated screening fees of these applications can quickly become burdensome, especially for local families seeking affordable housing. These fees are often redundant as some tenant screening companies allow tenants to reuse and share certain reports between landlords. This measure institutes prohibitions and requirements to make the rental application process more affordable.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1662, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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SB 1662, SDI	CPN, JDC	2/26/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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