Honolulu, Hawaii

Fe 515, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2762 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2008 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2762 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect victims of domestic violence by, among other things:

- (1) Prohibiting a landlord from evicting a tenant, failing to renew a rental agreement with a tenant, or refusing to enter into a rental agreement with an individual on the basis that the person is a victim of domestic violence;
- (2) Allowing a victim of domestic violence to terminate a rental agreement without penalty, upon meeting certain conditions;
- (3) Requiring a landlord to change locks, at the tenant's expense, within three days of the tenant's request; and
- (4) Allowing a landlord to request verification of a tenant's status as a victim of domestic violence.

Hawaii Women Work!, the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Na Loio, Domestic Violence Action Center, and a concerned individual testified in

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support of this bill. The Oahu Chapter of the National Association of Residential Property Managers opposed this measure. The Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Hawaii Association of REALTORS, and a concerned individual provided comments.

Your Committee notes that this measure is not intended to prohibit landlords from evicting tenants for reasons other than the person's status as a victim of domestic violence.

Your Committee has amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2762, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2762, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Human Services & Housing,

MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services & Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: Committe HB 2762 HSH	Committee Referral: HSH, CPC/JUD			Date: February 5, 2008		
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
HSH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused		
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3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	X					
4. BELATTI, Della Au	X					
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6. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	X					
7. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	X STATE OF THE STA					
8. MIZUNO, John	X		APPENDICT STREET, 18			
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9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	X					
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10. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	X		*****			

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TOTAL (10)	(0)	0	0	0		
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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