STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3105

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 3 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2357

H.D. 2 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2357, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY."

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to create an eviction process for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's state low-income housing projects and elder or elderly housing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and O'ahu County Commission on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that Act 114, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017 (Act 114), exempted state low-income housing directly controlled, owned, or managed by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority from the requirements of the residential landlord-tenant code under chapter 521, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Act 114 was the first step in creating a uniform eviction process for state and federal low-income public housing to ensure all tenants receive the same due process rights regardless of the property on which they reside. This measure streamlines the eviction process for all of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's state and federal



low-income public housing programs and lessens the caseload of the Judiciary and the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the new part added to chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to a subpart in part III of chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to state low-income housing;
- (2) Replacing references to "resident" or "person" with "tenant", as the context requires, as "tenant" is defined in the new subpart in part III of chapter 356D, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2357, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2357, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

WILL ESPERO, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Housing HOU

Bill / Resolution No.:* Committee Referral: Date: HB 2357 HD 2 HOU, JDC 3/20/18				
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.				
If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is:				
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)			_	
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)				
GREEN, Josh				
KAHELE, Kaialiʻi				/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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