

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2920

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3332
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 3332, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EVICTION MEDIATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish an alternative eviction process for tenants on Maui who are unable to pay rent due to losses resulting from the 2023 Maui wildfires.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes a pre-litigation mediation requirement and process for tenancies on Maui; and
- (2) Appropriates moneys for a rent relief program to help tenants avoid eviction and to maintain stable tenancies.

Your Committees received written comments in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Office of Economic Revitalization of the City and County of Honolulu; Kuikahi Mediation Center; The Mediation Center of the Pacific, Inc.; Catholic Charities Hawaii; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Mediation Centers of Hawaii; Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and nine individuals.



Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Hawaii Realtors, and Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice.

Your Committees find that the alternative eviction process established by this measure will help to reduce the number of evictions and burden on the courts following the termination of the Governor's final emergency proclamation containing an eviction moratorium for Maui tenants affected by the 2023 Maui wildfires.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of the term "final eviction moratorium" and clarifying that the Governor may reinstate or issue a new emergency proclamation that contains a prohibition against residential evictions; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3332, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3332, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Ways and Means
and Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 3332 SDI	CPM, WAM/JDC	2/22/2024
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X	
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X	
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X	
DECOITE, Lynn	X	
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X	
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X	
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X	
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X	
KIM, Donna Mercado	X	
LEE, Chris	X	
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X	
WAKAI, Glenn	X	
FEVELLA, Kurt	X	
TOTAL	13	0
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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