

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

931

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2023

RE: S.B. No. 393
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 393, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to promote the use of mediation for certain landlord-tenant disputes.

More specifically, this measure:

(1) Until December 31, 2024:

(A) Extends the period for notice of termination of a rental agreement;

(B) Requires landlords to engage in mediation and delay filing an action for summary possession if a tenant schedules or attempts to schedule mediation; and

(C) Requires landlords to include specific information in the notice provided to tenants and certain mediation centers;

(2) Appropriates moneys for the pre-litigation mediation program; and



- (3) Appropriates moneys for and creates an emergency rent relief program to provide resources to help certain participants in pre-litigation mediation to avoid eviction and maintain stable tenancies.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from Hawaii REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that extending the pre-litigation mediation program created by Act 57, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, will help many residents of the State to remain in stable housing and avoid costly judicial proceedings and judgments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 393, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

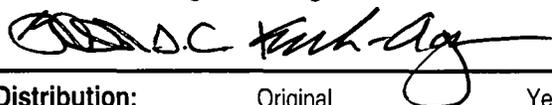


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SD 393, SD1	Committee Referral: CPN, WAM	Date: 3/1/23		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes