

Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 0 1 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2642 H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2642, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Modify the notice requirements when terminating a rental agreement on or after November 1, 2024;
- (2) Require tenants and landlords to engage in mediation and delay filing an action for summary possession if a tenant schedules or attempts to schedule mediation;
- (3) Require landlords to provide specific information to tenants; and
- (4) Appropriate funds for the Judiciary to contract for mediation services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Mediation Center of the Pacific, Inc.; Aloha United Way; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Hawai'i

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Children's Action Network Speaks!; Waipahu Safe Haven Center; Partners in Care; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; Hawai'i Housing Affordability Coalition; Hawaii Community Lending; and numerous individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2642, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee Referral: Date: Date: HB 2642, HD2 HSG, CPC, FIN Date: Date: 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) Pass Pass Pass									
					FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
					1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)				
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	V								
3. AIU, Micah P.K.	V								
4. CHUN, Cory M.									
5. COCHRAN, Elle				\sim					
6. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya									
7. KAHALOA, Kirstin	V.								
8. KILA, Darius K.									
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand 10. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.									
11. MORIKAWA, Dee									
12. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.									
13. POEPOE, Mahina									
14. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna	 ✓ 		and series of the series of						
15. ALCOS III, David	V								
16. WARD, Gene	V V								
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The recommendation is: Image: Adopted for the support recommendation is: If joint referral, did not support recommendation.									
Committee acronym(s) Vice Chair's or designee's signature:									
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