

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1776
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1776, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Office of Consumer Protection to periodically publish an accessible, multilingual notice of tenant rights; and
- (2) Require a landlord to provide a tenant with a copy of the most recent notice of tenant rights in the tenant's preferred language, if available, before or at the signing of a lease.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Disability and Communication Access Board; Medical-Legal Partnership for Children in Hawaii; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i YIMBY; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Roots Reborn; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.



This measure proposes that notice of tenant rights to be published by the Office of Consumer Protection be made available in printed and electronic formats. Your Committee requests consideration that notice be required in either a printed or electronic format, rather than both.

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. 1776, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



CHRIS TODD, Chair



