

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2368
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2368 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to make permanent the public housing expedited eviction process.

The Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH) testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee received testimony from HCDCH that the expedited evictions process imposed in Act 227, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2002, has greatly reduced the time of the eviction process, thereby benefiting both HCDCH and public housing tenants.

However, your Committee is sympathetic toward households with tenants who are elderly, disabled, or who have minor dependent children, and does not want to see the expedited evictions process have the unintended result of creating more homelessness.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Applying the eviction process that was in place prior to the effective date of Act 227, SLH 2002, to households with tenants that are disabled, over the age of 65, or have minor dependent children; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2368, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2368, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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


MICHAEL P. KAHIKINA, Chair



