

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2331  
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 2331 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the sunset date for  
provisions that streamline the public housing evictions process.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the  
Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH).

Your Committee finds that this measure requires further  
consideration. In testimony on another measure, S.B. No. 3025,  
Island Tenants on the Rise (ICOR) advocated reinstatement of an  
administrative appeal process before the current streamlined  
procedure established under Act 227, Session Laws of Hawaii 2002,  
is made permanent. ICOR testified that many tenants facing  
eviction do not understand or actively participate in the initial  
meeting to work out their delinquency, and thereby forfeit their  
due process rights to a subsequent grievance hearing. The HCDCH  
and the Department of the Attorney General testified against  
reinstatement of the former administrative appeal process, and  
pointed out that improved rent collection and more timely  
evictions for nonpayment are conditions of the Improvement Plan  
which HCDCH entered into with the U.S. Department of Housing and  
Urban Development in January 2006.



The Legislature should continue to consider ways to address the issues raised by ICOR, including means to provide better tenant education, counseling, and representation. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure to change the effective date to July 1, 2050, for purposes of further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2331, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2331, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Housing,

  
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RON MENOR, Chair



