

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2470

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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. 2470 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require a landlord to
include the landlord's general excise tax number of the first page
of a rental agreement entered into with a tenant.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Office of Consumer Protection of the Department of Commerce and
Consumer Affairs and by the Department of Taxation. Testimony in
opposition to this measure was submitted by the Hawaii Association
of Realtors.

Your Committee finds that this measure would facilitate
implementation of current Hawaii law that requires landlords to
provide their taxpayer identification number to all tenants for
the purpose of filing for a low-income tax credit. Your Committee
further finds that this measure will promote the processing of the
low-income tax credit for eligible taxpayers and reduce
unnecessary inconvenience to tenants who attempt to secure the
identification number after the written rental agreement is
entered into by the landlord and tenants.

Your Committee has amended this measure by amending the
reference of "general excise tax number" to "Hawaii tax
identification number" to comport with the current language


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adopted by the Department of Taxation as reported in its announcement No. 2004-16. Your Committee has also amended this measure by changing the effective date from "upon approval" to "December 31, 2006" and providing that this measure shall apply to written rental agreements entered into on or after December 31, 2006. This change will allow the Hawaii Association of Realtors' Standard Forms Committee adequate time to implement the new requirement.

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. 2470, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2470, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



RON MENOR, Chair



