

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2208

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2208

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2208 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide protections for a victim of domestic violence in rental housing.

Specifically, this measure allows victims of domestic violence to change the locks on their doors or terminate a lease, without penalty. Additionally, it provides that landlords may not discriminate based on domestic violence status.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by Legal Aid Society of Hawaii; Domestic Violence Action Center; Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Hawaii Women Work!; Na Loio, Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Law Center; Oahu VOICES; and one private citizen. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by the National Association of Residential Property Managers. Comments were submitted by Hawaii Association of REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that as being able to change locks on a home or terminate a lease can be critical in ensuring safety for a victim of domestic violence, this measure supports the State's interest in providing protection for domestic violence victims.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing that is attached to

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this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2208 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services and  
Public Housing,


*Suzanne Chun Oakland*

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Human Services and Public Housing**  
**HSP**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2208	HSP, JDL	2/7/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L.				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
Original	Yellow	Pink		
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