

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 5, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2491
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2491 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to encourage personal responsibility on the part of public housing residents by:

- (1) Requiring the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (Authority) to assess a minimum one percent common area expense fee;
- (2) Requiring the Authority to seek reimbursement from a unit resident for any damages to a unit caused by that resident; and
- (3) Authorizing the Authority to assess the cost of any common area expense against a specific unit resident if the expense was a result of that resident's misconduct.

This bill also removes a prospective tenant's need as a selection factor for public housing.

A concerned individual supported the intent of this bill. The Authority and Legal Aid Society of Hawaii opposed this measure.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing language requiring the Authority to assess a minimum one percent common area expense fee; 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. 2491, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2491, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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


RIDA CABANILLA, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

HSCR 147-10

Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2491	Committee Referral: HSG, JUD, FIN	Date: 2-3-2010		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HSG Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CABANILLA, Rida (C)	X			
2. CHONG, Pono (VC)	X			
3. CHANG, Jerry L.	X			
4. COFFMAN, Denny	X			
5. HAR, Sharon E.	X			
6. HERKES, Robert N.	X			
7. ITO, Ken	X			
8. LEE, Chris	X			
9. LUKE, Sylvia	X			
10. MORITA, Hermina M.				X
11. SAGUM, Roland D., III	X			
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.	X			
13. THIELEN, Cynthia	X			
TOTAL (13)	12			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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