STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1220 -12

Honolulu, Hawaii March 23 , 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2842 S.D. 1 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2012 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2842, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS FOR DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make the law relating to the filing of civil actions in housing discrimination cases consistent with the federal law under the Fair Housing Act. Specifically, this measure:

- Allows an aggrieved person to file a civil action in an appropriate court no later than two years after the occurrence or termination of an alleged discriminatory housing practice;
- (2) Directs the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission to issue a right to sue on a complaint filed with the Commission if it determines that a civil action alleging similar facts has also been filed; and
- (3) Specifies available remedies in a civil action for housing discrimination.



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The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Hawaii Civil Rights Commission testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2842, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2842, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN hair



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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: 5B 2842 SD1	Committee Referral: JUD, F	Date:	3/201	12
□ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:    □ Pass, unamended (as is)    ■ Pass, with amendments (HD)    □ Hold   □ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	(C)			
2. RHOADS, Karl (VC)				
3. BROWER, Tom				
4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				
5. CARROLL, Mele				
6. COFFMAN, Denny				-
7. HERKES, Robert N.				
8. ITO, Ken				
9. LUKE, Sylvia				
10. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	<b>~</b>			
11. SOUKI, Joseph M.				
12. TSUJI, Clift				
13. FONTAINE, George R.				
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
15. THIELEN, Cynthia				
TOTAL (15)	12	0	D	3
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Palthand				
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