

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:

- (1) 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.



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, Chair



