

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 25
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 25
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit discrimination in
the rental of real estate based on the person's lawful source of
income, including discriminatory advertising preventing low-income
individuals from being considered as renters.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority and the Hawaii Civil
Rights Commission submitted testimony in support of this measure.
The Hawaii Association of Realtors submitted testimony in
opposition to this measure. The Office of Consumer Protection
commented on the bill.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote
further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity,
consistency, and style.

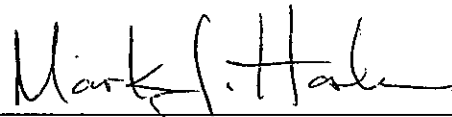
Your Committee notes that the Office of Consumer Protection
recommended placing the new statutory sections in Chapter 515,
Hawaii Revised Statutes (Discrimination in Real Property



Transactions), instead of Chapter 521, Hawaii Revised Statutes (Residential Landlord-Tenant Code). Your Committee respectfully requests that the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary consider adopting the Office of Consumer Protection's recommendation.

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. 25, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 25, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary.

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



MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



