

DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR

July 2, 2019 GOV. MSG. NO. 1244

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Thirtieth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 2, 2019, the following bill was signed into law:

HB61 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS. **ACT 192 (19)**

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

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Approved by the Governor on JUL 02 2019
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019

STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 192 H.B. NO. H.D. 1 S.D. 1 C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the changes made by
- 2 Act 195, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, were designed to provide
- 3 greater clarity and certainty in the application of common
- 4 expense payments by condominium unit owners. Specifically, the
- 5 Act clarified that condominium associations must apply common
- 6 expense payments to common expenses owed first, or to fines or
- 7 fees if indicated by the payee.
- 8 However, the Act did not address situations that require
- 9 the application of funds beyond common expenses. This has
- 10 resulted in confusion by association boards of directors in
- 11 allocating the priority of payments paid in excess of common
- 12 expenses owed.
- 13 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to clarify the
- 14 allocation of payments made by or on behalf of a condominium
- 15 unit owner and which are paid in excess of any common expenses
- **16** owed.

1 SECTION 2. Section 514B-105, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows: 3 [No association shall deduct and apply portions of 4 common expense payments received from a unit owner to unpaid 5 late fees, legal fees, fines, and interest (other than amounts 6 remitted by a unit in payment of late fees, legal fees, fines, 7 and interest).] Any payments made by or on behalf of a unit 8 owner shall first be applied to outstanding common expenses that 9 are assessed to all unit owners in proportion to the common interest appurtenant to their respective units. Only after said 10 11 outstanding common expenses have been paid in full may the 12 payments be applied to other charges owed to the association, 13 including assessed charges to the unit such as ground lease 14 rent, utility sub-metering, storage lockers, parking stalls, 15 boat slips, insurance deductibles, and cable. After these 16 charges are paid, other charges, including unpaid late fees, legal fees, fines, and interest, may be assessed in accordance 17 18 with an application of payment policy adopted by the board; 19 provided that if a unit owner has designated that any payment is for a specific charge that is not a common expense as described 20 21 in this subsection, the payment may be applied in accordance

- 1 with the unit owner's designation even if common expenses remain
- 2 outstanding."
- 3 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed SECTION 3.
- and stricken. New statutory material is underscored. 4
- 5 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

APPROVED this 02 day of JUL , 2019

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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HB No. 61, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2019 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019.

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Scott K. Saiki Speaker House of Representatives

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Brian L. Takeshita Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 30, 2019 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2019.

President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate