

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1951

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2019

RE: H.B. No. 699
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 699, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to evict a tenant convicted of a misdemeanor or felony committed during the term of the tenancy for an act related to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's property or funds or its employees and their property.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Americans for Democratic Action and the Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's highest priorities include the safety and well-being of its tenants, employees, and properties. When a tenant commits serious crimes related to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's property or funds, they abuse their privilege as a tenant, undermine the safety of law-abiding public housing tenants, and take away housing opportunities from other law-abiding families of the State's most disadvantaged populations. Your Committee



further finds, however, that evicting tenants who commit misdemeanors is overly broad and could result in an increased risk of homelessness for at-risk tenants.

Your Committee has amended this measure by removing language authorizing the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to evict a tenant convicted of a misdemeanor committed during the term of the tenancy for an act related to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's property or funds or its employees and their property.

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 H.B. No. 699, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 699, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

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




KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 699 HOISDI	Committee Referral: HOU, JDC	Date: 3/29/19		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	—	—	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes