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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there are  
2 advertisements published world-wide by persons or entities  
3 enticing those who live out of state to settle in Hawaii with  
4 the promise of living in paradise in a work-for-room-and-board  
5 setting where no wages are paid or a rent-to-own setting. The  
6 legislature further finds that there are reports that those who  
7 come to Hawaii based on these advertisements soon find that they  
8 are either unable to perform the work required or unable to pay  
9 rent and become part of the State's homeless population.

10           The purpose of this Act is to ensure that, in the event a  
11 writ for summary possession is sought for a tenancy that  
12 occurred due to a tenant's response to an advertisement,  
13 website, invitation, or other communication by the landowner  
14 that induced the tenant to move the tenant's primary residence  
15 from out-of-state to the premises subject to the writ, prior to  
16 the issuance of any such writ a landlord must deposit such sums  
17 sufficient for the purchase of a one-way airplane ticket with



1 baggage fees for two over-size bags back to the tenant's prior  
2 out-of-state residence as well as the reimbursement of specified  
3 relocation fees incurred by the tenant as part of the tenant's  
4 original move.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 666, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
7 and to read as follows:

8 "§666- Writ of possession; relocation fees. Where a  
9 room-and-board or rent-to-own residential tenancy has been  
10 established as a result of an advertisement, website,  
11 invitation, or other communication by the landowner, lessor, or  
12 plaintiff in a summary possession action that induced the tenant  
13 to move from an out-of-state primary residence to the premises  
14 subject to the writ, the landlord, lessor, or plaintiff in the  
15 summary possession action shall provide proof of such sums  
16 sufficient to pay for a one-way airplane ticket with baggage  
17 fees for two over-size bags back to the location of the tenant's  
18 former out-of-state primary residence as well as reimbursement  
19 for any applicable relocation fees incurred by the tenant for  
20 the initial shipment of the tenant's personal belongings to  
21 Hawaii, before the issuance of a writ of possession."



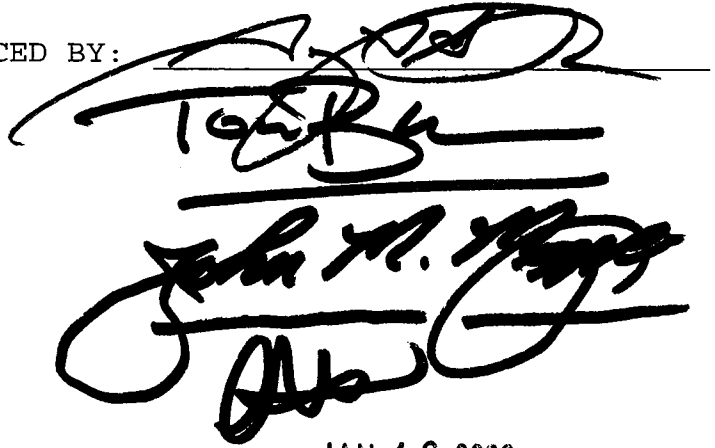
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1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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# H.B. NO. 1825

**Report Title:**

Landlord-Tenant; Reimbursement; Summary Possession

**Description:**

Requires certain landlords, lessors, or plaintiffs in a summary possession action to deposit such sums necessary to reimburse the lessee for relocation back to the lessee's original home state.

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