

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1405-22

Honolulu, Hawaii
, 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2504
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which
was referred S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Housing Choice Voucher Landlord Incentive Program to provide incentives for landlords to participate in the Tenant-Based Assistance Housing Choice Voucher Program under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and appropriate funds for these incentives;
- (2) Require the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to adopt or amend rules that require inspections of leased dwelling units under the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program within fifteen days after receipt of an owner's or landlord's inspection request; and
- (3) Establish and appropriate funds for positions within the Hawaii Public Housing Authority for inspections and other aspects related to dwelling units that are the



subject of applications for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Partners In Care, and Hawai'i Association of REALTORS. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Your Committee finds that low-income individuals and families experience great difficulty in finding affordable rentals due to the lack of affordable rental housing units in Hawaii. Your Committee also finds that reimbursement incentives and protections against excessive property damage helps increase the inventory of affordable housing in the State by encouraging more landlords to participate in rental housing voucher programs. Your Committee further finds that a more extensive approach to incentivizing participation in rental housing voucher programs is necessary to effectively address the lack of affordable housing inventory in the State. Incentives that encourage increased landlord participation in and acceptance of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program will reduce upfront barriers that prohibit low-income individuals and families from accessing rental housing.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

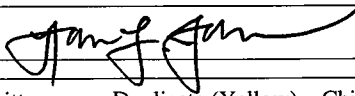
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2504, SD2, HD1	Committee Referral: HSC, CPC, FIN	Date: 3/21/22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (C)	✓			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)	✓			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
8. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.		✓		
10. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (11)	10	1	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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