

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1890 -22

Honolulu, Hawaii
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RE: S.B. No. 2877
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

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. 2877, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-
TENANT CODE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to regulate the process for
application screening fees for dwellings made available for rent
under the Residential Landlord-Tenant Code.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Department of Commerce and
Consumer Affairs, Department of Human Services, St. Michael the
Archangel Church, Catholic Charities Hawai'i, and Hawai'i Health &
Harm Reduction Center.

Your Committee finds that rental units serve a vital role in
ensuring residents of the State have housing. However, under
existing law, prospective tenants are not protected from and are
susceptible to being assessed excessively large application fees.
These application fees can range from \$50 to \$100, although the
actual cost of performing any of the necessary background or
credit checks on a prospective tenant ranges from \$10 to \$25.

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This measure will curb this unscrupulous practice by requiring unused application fees to be returned to applicants.

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. 2877, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



