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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENT CONTROL.

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

1           SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the  
2 contrary, no landlord shall rent or lease, or offer to rent or  
3 lease, a dwelling unit in the district described in section  
4 4-1(2)(D), Hawaii Revised Statutes, at a rate that exceeds the  
5 rate for which that dwelling unit was rented or leased or  
6 offered for rent or lease on August 7, 2023.

7           (b) Any person who violates this Act shall be guilty of a  
8 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined no more than  
9 \$2,000, imprisoned no more than one year, or both.

10          (c) For the purposes of this Act:

11           "Dwelling unit" has the same meaning as in section 521-8,  
12 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

13           "Landlord" has the same meaning as in section 521-8, Hawaii  
14 Revised Statutes.



1 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval  
2 and shall be repealed on July 1, 2025.

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# H.B. NO. 2165

**Report Title:**

Rental Units; Dwelling Units; Rental Rates; Rent Control

**Description:**

Prohibits a landlord from renting or leasing, or offering to rent or lease, a dwelling unit in the district described in section 4-1(2)(D), HRS, at a rate that exceeds the rate for which that dwelling unit was rented or leased or offered for rent or lease on 8/7/2023. Sunsets on 7/1/2025.

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