

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1533

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 25**, 2025

RE: H.R. No. 153  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which  
was referred H.R. No. 153 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO  
CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP LANDLORD-TENANT CODE  
IMPROVEMENTS TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a working group  
dedicated to researching and improving the landlord-tenant code.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this  
measure from Hawaii Realtors and from one individual. Your  
Committee received testimony providing comments from the State  
Department of the Attorney General and from the Maui Tenants and  
Workers Association.

Your Committee finds that clarifying and improving  
landlord-tenant laws will support the vitality of rental housing  
in Hawaii, and that addressing other relevant landlord-tenant  
issues would provide an opportunity for collaboration among key  
stakeholders. Your Committee acknowledges commentary from the  
State Attorney General regarding concerns about convening the  
working group.

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Your committee notes the Judiciary's support of S.B. No. 822, Regular Session of 2025, which this committee heard previously, and its willingness to convene the working group.

Your Committee has therefore amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the convening entity from the Attorney General to the Judiciary;
- (2) Narrowing the scope of this Resolution by removing the request to identify the potential availability of housing stock not offered for rent;
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 153, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 153, H.D. 1.

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

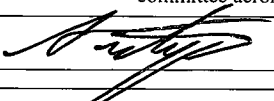
  
SCOTT MATAYOSHI, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HR 153</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPC, JHA</b>	Date: <b>3/20/25</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (C)	✓			
2. CHUN, Cory M. (VC)	✓			
3. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco	✓			
6. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
7. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
8. MARTEN, Lisa	✓			
9. TAM, Adrian K.	✓			
10. PIERICK, Elijah				✓
TOTAL (10)	9	0	0	1
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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