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House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

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Bill No. and Title: House Concurrent Resolution No. 158, H.D. 1

Purpose: REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP LANDLORD-TENANT CODE IMPROVEMENTS TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING IN HAWAII.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports the establishment of a working group to research and improve the Residential Landlord-Tenant Code similar to the legislation in SB822, SD1, HD1. The Judiciary believes that a working group would be a productive way of determining the issues facing landlords and tenants with the goal of developing statutes that will benefit both groups. However, if the goal of this working group is to increase the supply of housing in Hawai'i then this may go beyond the expertise of the Judiciary.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.