

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2828

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2540  
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2540, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a rental deposit loan program to assist low-income, elderly, and homeless individuals and families in obtaining rental housing by providing loans for security deposit and first month's rent payments.

The measure also appropriates \$5,000,000 to establish the rental deposit loan program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and EAH Housing.

Your Committee finds that one of the most difficult problems faced by low-income, elderly, and homeless persons in obtaining housing is the necessity of paying a security deposit in addition to paying the first month's rent. Your Committee believes that the rental deposit loan program established by this measure will help the State's vulnerable populations obtain adequate and stable permanent rental housing.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

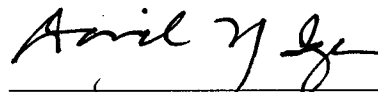
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- (1) Clarifying that the security deposit will be returned to the tenant when the tenant vacates the premises;
- (2) Clarifying that the staff of the nonprofit organization assigned to administer the program shall provide information to prospective tenants on relevant provisions of the Residential Landlord-Tenant Code;
- (3) Clarifying that the staff of the nonprofit organization shall be available to property owners and tenants during normal business hours to answer questions or complaints about the program;
- (4) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (5) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2540, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2540, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



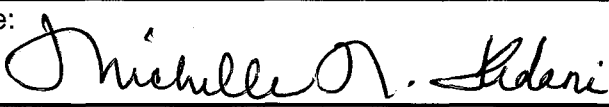
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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SB 2540, SD1	HMS/PSM, WAM	2-13-14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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