

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs to  
3 which was referred House Bill No. 239 entitled “An act relating to information  
4 regarding the rights of landlords and tenants” respectfully reports that it has  
5 considered the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the House that  
6 the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in  
7 lieu thereof the following:

8 Sec. 1. OUTREACH TO LANDLORDS AND TENANTS

9 The Department of Housing and Community Development with input from  
10 parties representing the interests of both landlords and tenants shall conduct a  
11 public outreach and information program in order to provide information to  
12 landlords and tenants regarding their rights and responsibilities under the law.  
13 Particularly, the Department, in addition to publishing this information on its  
14 website, shall provide information to landlords renting only one or two units  
15 regarding:

- 16 (1) landlord-tenant law and the eviction process;  
17 (2) the eviction process if a landlord is a pro se litigant; and  
18 (3) the proper way to draft an eviction letter, including a sample eviction  
19 letter.

1       Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION

2           Up to \$32,000.00 in general funds is appropriated to the Department of  
3       Housing and Community Development to fund the outreach and information  
4       program created in Sec. 1 of this act.

5       Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

6           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE