



April 1, 2023

Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Chair  
Rep. Lisa Kitagawa, Vice Chair  
Committee on Finance  
Tuesday, April 4, 2023  
3:00 pm  
Via Videoconference

RE: **SB393 HD2** Relating to Landlord-Tenant Code (**Support with Amendments**)

Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa & Committee Members,

The Chamber of Sustainable Commerce (CSC) testifies in strong support of SB393 HD2, which establishes and appropriates funds for a pre-litigation mediation pilot program, requires landlords to participate in mediation before filing an action for summary possession, and creates and appropriates funds for an emergency rent relief program to be made available to participants in the pre-litigation mediation pilot program.

As business owners who strive for a triple bottom line and know we can strengthen our economy without hurting workers, consumers, or the environment, we urge this committee to pass SB393 HD2 because it **aims to reduce tenant evictions and allows landlords to mitigate their losses and pay their mortgages.**

CSC urges this committee to **amend SB393 HD2 by capping the total amount of rent relief available to a household at \$8,000 - \$5,000 to cover arrears, plus six-monthly payments of \$500 to cover future rent.**

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