

## **Keep shedding light on Hawaii's housing crisis**

We commend the Star Advertiser and local media for their continued coverage on Hawaii's housing crisis. The Hawai'i State Judiciary was recently featured for the work [judges, the executive branches of the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawai'i, private attorneys, landlords, and nonprofits have been doing](#) as part of the "[Homeless in Hawaii](#)" series.

The group is called STAE (Steps to Avoid Eviction). STAE is finding ways to ensure that landlords get paid the rent they are owed and tenants are not evicted, by encouraging tenants and landlords to use available resources in a more timely and effective manner. We hope this proactive approach will help save landlords and tenants time and money, and will curb evictions that result from a tenant's temporary financial setback.

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