

**HB 2944 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Human Services and Housing**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires a hearing for landlord to prove amount of damages eligible for the Housing Choice Landlord Guarantee Program prior to judgment against tenant.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Housing Choice Landlord Guarantee Program was established to provide financial assistance to landlords mitigating damages caused by tenants as a result of occupancy under the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

House Bill 2944 requires a hearing to prove the amount of damages eligible for the Housing Choice Landlord Guarantee Fund prior to judgment against a tenant in the small claims department of a circuit court or a circuit court for the county where the property is located.