

Appendix Sakhardande - Transcript of Part of the Testimony by Siya Sakhardande, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Undergraduate Student, about the Bill Section That Became Minn. Stat. § 504B.182

Committee: Senate Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention

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Minutes of the Hearing: Available at <https://www.lrl.mn.gov/minutes/comm?commid=9240-0&year=2023&date=03/02/2023>

Audio of the Hearing: Available at <https://mnsenate.granicus.com/player/clip/10614>

Video of the Hearing – not available

Transcript of the part of Ms. Sakhardande’s testimony that started at 1:36:34 and ended at 1:37:27:

Another aspect of this bill that would be super beneficial to tenants would be conducting walkthroughs at the start and end of the lease. One of our USB [“B” is a guess about an unclear mumble] Michael Malikan [spelling?] shared with me about moving into an unsanitary unit at the start of last semester. Michael was moving into his new apartment off campus after the summer and the first thing he noticed when he walked into the kitchen was mold on the countertops. Upon further inspection, Michael observed mold in all areas of his kitchen – sinks, cabinets, fridge, etc. He made several requests for cleaning and assistance from his landlord to remedy the situation but it wasn’t until someone from his landlord’s office visited to the unit to drop off a set of spare keys that this was taken seriously. Had a walkthrough occurred when Michael was moving in, this unsanitary situation would have been remedied much quicker. Conducting a similar walkthrough at the end of the lease would help landlords and tenants discuss and take action over the condition of their unit and [hard to hear] caused by the tenant.