

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2242
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2242, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote the development of much-needed affordable housing in Hawaii by requiring the Land Use Commission (LUC), the counties, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Administration, Hawaii Public Housing Administration, and Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) to require developers with plans to develop 50 or more residential dwelling units to dedicate at least 20 percent of the units to affordable housing.

A concerned individual testified in support of this bill. HCDA opposed this measure. The Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii offered comments.

Your Committee would have liked more information on housing development projects that have undergone LUC review with regard to affordable housing requirements.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the specific percentage of residential dwelling units to be designated affordable or reserved for low- or moderate-income ranges;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2006, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2242, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2242, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



