

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 51

Honorable Robert Bunda  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing,  
to which was referred H.C.R. No. 51 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO ASSIST IN THE  
PRIVATIZATION OF ITS PALOLO VALLEY HOMES PROJECT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the United States  
Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist the  
residents of Palolo Valley Homes and the Mutual Housing  
Association of Hawaii, Inc., to expedite the privatization and  
renovation of one hundred eighteen units at Palolo Valley Homes.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the  
Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH)  
and the Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii (MHAH).

Your Committee finds that MHAH has successfully acquired and  
renovated three hundred six state-owned public housing units in  
Palolo, but that the remaining one hundred eighteen federal units  
have remained in disrepair. With the cooperation of HUD, the  
privatization of Palolo Valley Homes can serve as a model for  
HCDCH in preserving and repairing its troubled public housing  
stock without displacing the residents living in the units.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing that is  
attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent  
and purpose of H.C.R. No. 51, and recommends its adoption.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Housing,



RON MENOR, Chair



