

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2486

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2572

S.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 2572 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE
BONDS,"

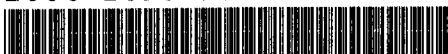
begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow the issuance of
special purpose revenue bonds to assist not-for-profit
organizations in the development of low and moderate income
housing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Governor, Department of Budget and Finance, Land Use
Research Foundation of Hawaii, UniDev LLC, Pacific Housing
Assistance Corporation, Hawaii Association of Realtors, and The
Affordable Housing and Homeless Alliance.

Your Committees find that the development of low and moderate
income housing is a top priority of the Legislature. Affordable
rental housing is the missing link between homelessness and having
a place to live. The severity of Hawaii's housing crisis cannot
be understated.

This measure would assist not-for-profit organizations in
developing low and moderate income housing. These non-profit
organizations are the only entities which would be willing to
undertake a less than financial investment. At the same time,



non-profits are most attuned to helping the less fortunate and those in downright need.

This measure is a recommendation of the Joint Legislative Housing and Homeless Task Force to address the dearth of affordable housing.

Your Committee has amended this measure to change the effective date to July 1, 2050, to continue discussions.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2572, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2572, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



RON MENOR, Chair



