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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1859  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and  
Affordable Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 1859 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate \$700,000 for  
fiscal year 2007-2008 and an additional \$700,000 for fiscal year  
2008-2009 to Hawaii Habitat for Humanity as a grant-in-aid to  
build two hundred self-help ownership homes in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii Habitat for Humanity Association and two  
individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii Habitat for Humanity and its  
affiliates contribute a great public service to the community by  
providing zero interest affordable housing to low-income families.  
The service that Hawaii Habitat for Humanity and its affiliates  
provides helps to prevent more of Hawaii's low-income families  
from becoming homeless.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting the  
specific amounts appropriated to encourage further discussion.

The intent of this measure is to assist Hawaii Habitat for  
Humanity and its affiliates with building more affordable housing  
in the State.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1859, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1859, 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 Affordable  
Housing,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



