

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 599
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 599 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide an incentive to attract and retain qualified teachers and other school staff members in Hawaii by establishing and appropriating funds for the Educators' Affordable Housing Program (Program) that shall offer a deferred-interest second mortgage to eligible individuals.

Funds are also appropriated to manage teacher housing and for the repair and renovation of existing teacher housing units.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association testified in support of this bill. The Department of Education (DOE) and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance opposed this bill.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Extending the Program to other educational staff of DOE;
- (2) Requiring HHFDC, rather than DOE, to administer the Program;

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- (3) Clarifying that management of existing teacher housing is the responsibility of:
 - (a) HHFDC before July 1, 2008; and
 - (b) DOE beginning July 1, 2008;
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Human Services & Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 599, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 599, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Human Services & Housing,



MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



