

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2980

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2980 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOUSING LOAN AND MORTGAGE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the availability of affordable housing in the State by increasing the aggregate principal amount of revenue bonds issued by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation from \$400,000,000 to \$500,000,000 for the Corporation's Housing Loan and Mortgage ("Hula Mae Multi-Family") Program.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the Hawaii Association of Realtors.

Your Committee finds that the Hula Mae Multi-Family Program promotes the development of new or the preservation and rehabilitation of existing affordable rental housing projects by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, issuing mortgage revenue bonds for interim or permanent financing at below-market interest rates. Testimony indicates that since its inception, the Hula Mae Multi-Family Program has provided \$125,878,000 in revenue bond proceeds for seven affordable housing projects, totaling 1,133 affordable units. Five additional affordable housing projects comprising a total of eight hundred twenty-nine units have been approved by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and are pending bond issuance.



Increasing the Corporation's revenue bond authority from \$400,000,000 to \$500,000,000 will ensure that sufficient authority is in place to meet increased future demand for program assistance, and enable the Corporation to increase the availability of 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. 2980 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T.				✓
TRIMBLE, Gordon	✓			
TOTAL	4			3

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
David Y. Ige

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