

Honolulu, Hawaii

May 1, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1692
H.D. 2
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1692, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this bill is to:

- (1) Restrict to no more than five years, the length of tenancy for certain tenants in a percentage of units in state public housing projects; and
- (2) Require the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to review federal pilot programs intended to break the cycle of public housing and welfare.



Your Committee on Conference has amended this bill by:

- (1) Replacing the limitation on length of tenancies in all state public housing projects with a pilot project in a designated state low-income housing project in which tenancies:
 - (A) Are limited to five years for tenants in occupancy;
 - (B) Are limited to seven years for new tenants; and
 - (C) Are not limited for persons 55 years and older, persons with a mental or physical disability, persons retired for medical reasons, and family members and medically necessary attendants of exempt tenants;
- (2) Requiring HPHA to develop recommendations for a transition plan to assist tenants in meeting the occupancy time limits;
- (3) Requiring the Executive Director of HPHA to establish a working group to designate the site of the pilot project and assist HPHA in developing recommendations for a transition plan;
- (4) Requiring HPHA to report to the Legislature on the status of the pilot project prior to the regular sessions of 2010 and 2011;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2009; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for style, clarity, and conformity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1692, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1692, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.




Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

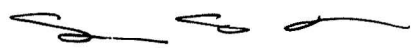
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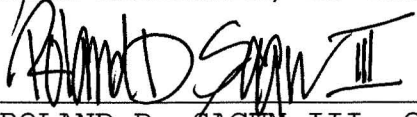
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