

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2009

RE: S.B. No. 752
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Education and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 752 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SELF-HELP HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a dedicated source of funding for self-help housing by establishing a self-help housing trust fund with moneys collected pursuant to the conveyance tax.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by two county agencies and two private organizations. Testimony in opposition was submitted by one state agency. Two private organizations submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that self-help homes are the most economically feasible option for low and very low income families to become homeowners in Hawaii. For example, the Hilo Habitat program produced three-bedroom, two-bath homes with solar hot water and a computer for \$85,000 last year. Self-help technical assistance would add \$20,000 per home, but even with this addition, a family's monthly payments for a self-help home are often less than what many families must pay to rent in Hawaii.

Your Committee further finds that turning families from renters to owners creates hope, which is critical during these difficult economic times, and also contributes to more stable and sustainable communities.



Your Committee believes this measure will help to address the scarcity of loan financing and technical assistance funding necessary to expand opportunities for self-help housing in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 752, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 752, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Education and
Housing,

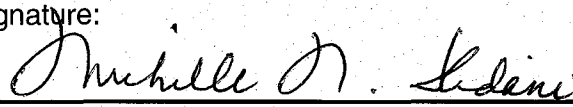


NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



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Record of Votes
Committee on Education and Housing
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 752	EDH, WAM	2-9-09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred			✓	
TOTAL	5	0	1	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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