

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 297

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 18, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1694
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1694 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to:

- (1) Establish a minimum rent of \$250 for state public housing units and \$50 for federal public housing units; and
- (2) Prohibit the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) from establishing preferences for tenant selection.

Several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The HPHA supported the intent of this measure. Community Alliance Partners, the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, and the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii opposed this bill. The Hawaii Catholic Conference, the Hawaii Family Forum, Catholic Charities Hawaii, and several concerned individuals provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring HPHA to establish a schedule of rents for public housing projects by number of bedrooms and type of project;

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- (2) Deleting the minimum rent for federal public housing units;
- (3) Requiring HPHA to adjust minimum rents annually by the consumer price index; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for consistency, style, and clarity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1694, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1694, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



RIDA CABANILLA, Chair



