

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1694  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1694, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure fair and equitable policies for public housing by:

- (1) Requiring the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to establish a minimum rent schedule;
- (2) Requiring a minimum monthly rent of \$250 for state public housing units and annual Consumer Price Index adjustment of minimum rent; and
- (3) Prohibiting preferences for tenant selection.

The Institute for Human Services and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawaii Family Forum, Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii, Community Alliance Partners, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and a concerned individual submitted comments.

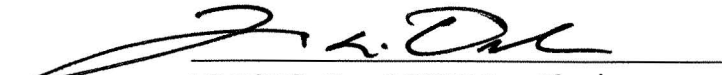


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Inserting an unspecified amount the minimum rent requirement for state public housing;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1694, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1694, H.D. 2.

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

  
MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



