

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

255

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 754  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 754 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support the management of public housing by:

- (1) Requiring the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to establish a schedule of minimum rents for state low-income housing units;
- (2) Requiring HPHA to seek reimbursement from tenants for any and all costs incurred by HPHA to repair damages to tenants' units; and
- (3) Prohibiting HPHA from establishing preferences for the selection of tenants.

The Tenant Association President of Mayor Wrights Homes testified in strong support of this bill. HPHA and the American Civil Liberties Union testified in opposition to this bill. Catholic Charities Hawai'i submitted comments on this measure.

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Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting provisions that would enable HPHA to seek reimbursement costs from tenants for repair damages to the tenants' units;
- (2) Deleting the provision that would prohibit HPHA from establishing preferences for the selection of tenants; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 754, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 754, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

  
RIDA T.R. CABANILLA, Chair



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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 754</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HSG, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2-9-11</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HSG Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CABANILLA, Rida T.R. (C)	✓			
2. CHONG, Pono (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
4. CHANG, Jerry L.	✓			
5. COFFMAN, Denny	✓			
6. HAR, Sharon E.				✓
7. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
8. ITO, Ken	✓			
9. MORITA, Hermina M.	✓			
10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
11. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
12. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>1</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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