

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 27, 2014

RE: H.R. No. 4

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.R. No. 4 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO WORK WITH CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES TO REVIEW THE PREREQUISITES FOR OBTAINING PERMIT APPROVAL FOR DEVELOPMENTS AT THE STATE AND COUNTY LEVELS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make the process for the provision of development permits more timely, uniform, and efficient by requesting the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to work with construction industry representatives to review the prerequisites for obtaining permit approval for developments at the state and county levels.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism provided comments on this measure.

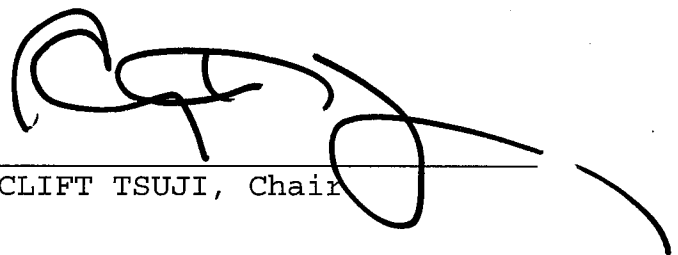
According to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Honolulu will require 5,300 residential units to be built annually until 2020 to meet current and anticipated housing demands. With Hawaii's housing needs increasing, a coordinated effort among all levels of government and the private sector is necessary to facilitate efficiency in the permit approval process for construction projects.



Your Committee notes the concerns raised by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism that the undertaking proposed by this measure would entail efforts, including the conduct of surveys, which would cost approximately \$100,000. Nevertheless, your Committee finds that this measure deserves further consideration.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 4 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

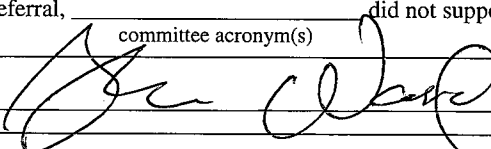
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Business,



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 4	Committee Referral: EDB, CPC	Date: 2/14/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	/			
2. WARD, Gene (VC)	/			
3. AWANA, Karen	/			
4. BROWER, Tom	/			
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.				/
6. ITO, Ken				/
7. CHOY, Isaac W.				/
8. OHNO, Takashi	/			
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
11. WOOLEY, Jessica				/
TOTAL (11)	7			4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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