

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2257**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2799
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2799 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Board of Directors to set the salary of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Executive Director.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation is the primary state agency charged with overseeing affordable housing finance and development in Hawaii. This is accomplished by working in partnership with residents, government agencies, financiers, and for-profit and non-profit developers.

Your Committee further finds that the Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, who oversees several key affordable housing programs, including the low-income housing tax credit, rental housing trust fund, and Hula Mae single and multi-family revenue bond programs, has the lowest salary of all state housing finance agencies nationwide. Your

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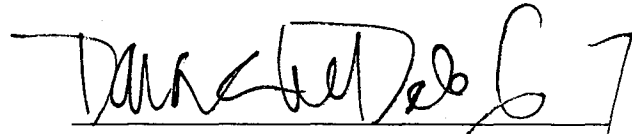


Committee believes that allowing the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Board of Directors to adequately compensate the Executive Director will enable the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to attract and retain an individual that will lead agency staff toward fulfilling the mission of increasing and preserving the supply of workforce and affordable housing statewide.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting language to specify a salary cap of a blank amount for the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Executive Director.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2799, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2799, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development, Government
Operations and Housing,



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



