

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 944

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2015

RE: H.B. No. 766
H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 766, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an appropriation for the construction of micro apartment housing units.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Hawai'i Association of REALTORS, Hawaii Catholic Conference, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, League of Women Voters, Catholic Diocese of Honolulu Office for Social Ministry, Partners in Care, PHOCUSED, and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that affordable housing is a serious concern for many Hawaii residents. According to the 2011 Hawaii Housing Planning Study, up to 50,000 new housing units will need to be built by 2016 to meet the new demand generated by changing demographics and economic conditions. Failure to produce sufficient units for low- and moderate-income households will cause pent-up demand in these market segments.



Cities with high or increasing rental costs, such as Hong Kong, New York, San Francisco, and Seattle, have developed micro apartment units to provide an innovative and affordable housing option. Your Committee finds that the development of micro apartment units could improve the availability of affordable housing in Hawaii, where rent and property prices are also high.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 766, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services and
Housing,



SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services and Housing
HSH

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB766, HD1	Committee Referral: HSH, WAM	Date: 3/17/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
GREEN, Josh (VC)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes