

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 18, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2343
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2343, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit any county or the Hawaii Public Housing Authority from disqualifying a legal nonconforming dwelling unit from the Housing Choice Voucher Program if the dwelling unit meets zoning and building code requirements and other program standards for health and safety.

One concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii Public Housing Authority provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that to be eligible for the Housing Choice Voucher Program a legal nonconforming dwelling unit shall also meet program standards, such as health and safety standards; and
- (2) Making this measure effective on July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.



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 S.B. No. 2343, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2343, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



