

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1028

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2017

RE: H.B. No. 599
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 599, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PLAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the Hawaii State Planning Act to prioritize housing opportunities for extremely low- to above moderate- income households;
- (2) Require periodic updates to functional plans; and
- (3) Amend the member nomination process for advisory committees for functional plans.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committee finds that the cost of housing in Hawaii is among the highest in the nation. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii state plan is an important tool for shaping the policy priorities in Hawaii. Your Committee additionally finds

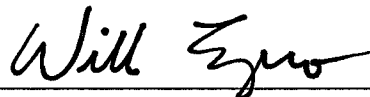


that the Hawaii state plan in general, and the functional plans generated by various state agencies in particular, can provide necessary guidance and incentives for the development of affordable housing units throughout the State. This measure will refine the State's priority of providing affordable housing and ensure that state agencies maintain updated functional plans in their respective areas.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 599, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 599, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



