

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 967  
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 S.B. No. 967  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING  
AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Close certain areas within Hawaii Public Housing  
Authority projects to the public;
- (2) Permit the prosecution with criminal trespass of  
unauthorized entry or a violation of a written  
prohibition to enter into a restricted housing project;  
and
- (3) Clarify requirements for signage notifying trespassers  
of illegal entry.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and three individuals.  
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure  
from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the City and  
County of Honolulu and Ho'omana Pono, LLC.

Your Committee finds that criminal activity and disturbances  
caused by uninvited individuals are increasing in public housing  
projects in Hawaii. The perception that public housing projects

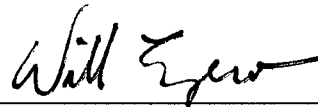


are open to the public at all times makes these incidents difficult to prevent and resolve. Your Committee further finds that these incidents are detrimental to the safety of the residents and staff of Hawaii's public housing projects. This measure will clarify what property within public housing projects is closed to the public and assist law enforcement officers in ensuring the safety of public housing project residents and staff.

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 S.B. No. 967, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 967, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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



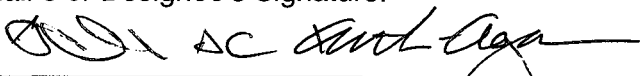
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WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Housing**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 967</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HOU, JDL</b>	Date: <b>2/2/17</b>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)				X
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				X
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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