

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

**1241**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 29 2017**

RE: S.C.R. No. 14

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Housing, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 14 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO CONSIDER PROVIDING INCENTIVES, SUCH AS WAIVING INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY COSTS AND PERMITTING FEES, FOR DEVELOPERS TO DEVELOP HOUSING FOR HOUSEHOLDS EARNING LESS THAN EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the counties to consider providing incentives, such as waiving infrastructure capacity costs and permitting fees, for developers to develop housing for households earning less than eighty percent of the area median income.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Habitat for Humanity Association, FACE, and one individual.

Your Committees find that the lack of affordable housing across the State is a serious issue that threatens the public's health, safety, and well-being. The cost of housing across the State has made it nearly impossible for most families to afford to buy or rent housing. Therefore, it is essential to implement policies that encourage developers to develop affordable housing. Accordingly, each of the county councils is encouraged to provide



incentives, such as waiving infrastructure capacity costs and permitting fees, for developers to develop housing for households earning less than eighty percent of the area median income. The county councils are further encouraged to develop a sliding scale of incentives based on the affordability of housing units in a development and consider how such a sliding scale may encourage developers to develop more affordable housing for households earning below eighty percent and up to one hundred forty percent of the area median income.


As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 14 and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental, and Military  
Affairs and Housing,



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WILL ESPERO, Chair



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CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312       Pass, with amendments 2311       Hold 2310       Recommit 2313

| Members                    | Aye      | Aye (WR) | Nay      | Excused  |
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| NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C) | ✓        |          |          |          |
| WAKAI, Glenn (VC)          |          |          |          | ✓        |
| BAKER, Rosalyn H.          | ✓        |          |          |          |
| IHARA, Jr., Les            |          |          |          | ✓        |
| THIELEN, Laura H.          | ✓        |          |          |          |
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Recommendation:  Adopted       Not Adopted


Chair's or Designee's Signature:  
*Rosalyn H Baker*

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| Members  | Aye  | Aye (WR)                   | Nay | Excused  |
| ESPERO, Will (C)   | /  |                            |     |          |
| HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)  |  |                            |     | /        |
| KAHELE, Kaiali'i   |  |                            |     | /        |
| KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.   | /  |                            |     |          |
| NISHIHARA, Clarence K.   | /  |                            |     |          |
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