

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3002

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2703  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2703, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Allocate a portion of the conveyance tax revenues to the rental assistance revolving fund to be used to subsidize rents for persons who meet certain income requirements;
- (2) Increase the income tax credit for low-income household renters to an unspecified amount; and
- (3) Convert the state earned income tax credit into a refundable tax credit and change the amount of the credit to an unspecified percentage of the federal earned income tax credit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Women's Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Americans for Democratic Action Hawai'i, IMUAlliance, Hawai'i



Alliance for Community-Based Economic Alliance, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that affordable housing is a serious concern for many Hawaii residents. As the population of the State continues to grow, the State must develop innovative means of ensuring that residents are able to find and pay for housing. This measure provides additional mechanisms for the State to provide affordable housing to meet the housing needs of the State and tax incentives for Hawaii residents to obtain and maintain housing.

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. 2703, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2703, 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,



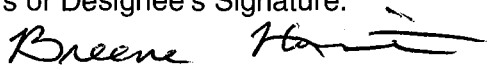
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WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Housing**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 2703, HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HOU, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/13/18</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)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓			
GREEN, Josh	✓			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
<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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