

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2745
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2745 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the number of low-income households with access to permanent affordable rental housing by increasing the percentage of units that an eligible project must maintain for eligible tenants from twenty percent to thirty percent and to appropriate an unspecified amount to be deposited into the Rental Assistance Revolving Fund.

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation offered comments for this measure.

Your Committee finds that there are currently only ten projects in the Rental Assistance Program.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, non-substantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2745, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2745, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



TOM BROWER, Chair



