

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 488
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 488
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the availability
of and access to housing stock in the State, particularly for
Hawaii's vulnerable populations, by:

- (1) Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds
for:
 - (A) Rental housing;
 - (B) A mixed-use affordable rental housing and multi-use
juvenile services and shelter center at 902 Alder
Street; and
 - (C) Public housing development, improvements, and
renovations; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for public housing security
improvements, renovation, and repairs for vacant public
housing units.



Partners in Care, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawaii Appleaseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Americans for Democratic Action, PHOCUSED, Hawaii Kai Homeless Task Force, The CHOW Project, IMUAlliance, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, The Judiciary, and Hawaii Public Housing Authority submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to take effect upon a date to be determined to facilitate continued discussion on this measure.

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. 488, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 488, 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



