

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 10, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 656

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. 656
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide an exemption from school impact fees for housing developments that are constructed by nonprofit housing organizations in which the units are rented or sold to persons or families earning between thirty and eighty per cent of the area median income.

The Department of Education and Building Industry Association of Hawaii testified in opposition to this measure. The Office of Planning, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting, Hawaii Construction Alliance, IMUAlliance, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and EAH Housing provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Exempting county and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation developments for low- and moderate income housing from school impact fee requirements;
- (2) Changing the income cap applicable to the exemption from school impact fees for any housing development



constructed by a housing organization in which the units are leased or sold, to persons or families with incomes up to 120 percent of the area median income;

- (3) Changing the effective date to take effect upon a date to be determined to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive 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. 656, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 656, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Education.

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



TOM BROWER, Chair



