

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2786
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 S.B. No. 2786 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Close to the public certain areas within a housing project under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority where signs are displayed that comply with certain requirements; and
- (2) Amend the offense of criminal trespass in the second degree to clarify when, under certain circumstances, a person commits the offense of entering or remaining unlawfully in or upon any area of a housing project that is closed to the public.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and one individual.

Your Committee finds that one of the greatest concerns and priorities of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is the safety and wellbeing of its tenants and staff. However, there have been a number of incidents occurring on housing project properties due



to the presence of uninvited individuals, including unauthorized individuals entering onto public housing property and setting up tents in the middle of the property or causing property damage, or evicted tenants returning to the property to harass or intimidate their former neighbors. These acts create conflict among the tenants as well as staff. Accordingly, this measure provides the Hawaii Public Housing Authority with a tool to address and resolve these matters.

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 S.B. No. 2786, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2786, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



