

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1829

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2019

RE: S.C.R. No. 147

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred S.C.R.
No. 147 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE HAWAII HOUSING
FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO REEVALUATE THE RENTAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage the
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to reevaluate
the rental assistance program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from PHOCUSED, O'ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities
Committee, and one individual. Your Committee received comments
on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development
Corporation.

Your Committee finds that affordable housing remains one of
the most pressing issues in the State. The state rental
assistance program provides qualified rental project owners with
monthly rental assistance subsidies to assist eligible tenants to
make their rental payments. Your Committee further finds that
since its inception, the rental assistance program has provided
rental assistance subsidies for 1,437 units in 17 affordable
rental projects statewide. However, older project contracts have
expired and with a lack of resources for new projects, only 10
projects remain in the program, with a total of 1,204 assisted



units. Rental subsidies are critical to address the lack of affordable housing. Your Committee believes that the rental assistance program should be reevaluated to provide more assistance to address the lack of affordable housing.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 147 and recommends its adoption.

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




STANLEY CHANG, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 147	Committee Referral: HOU	Date: 4/2/2019		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHANG, Stanley (C)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">  </div>				
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