

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1830

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2019

RE: S.R. No. 114

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.R. No. 114 entitled:

"SENATE 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.R. No. 114 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

**Record of Votes  
Committee on Housing  
HOU**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR 114</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HOU</b>	Date: <b>4/2/2019</b>		
<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				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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