

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3637

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1679
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1679, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide housing assistance to low-income and elderly residents by authorizing the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to give preference to persons residing in the zip code in which a low-income or elder housing project is constructed for the housing project's initial tenants or residents.

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

Your Committee finds that the measure as written could have potential conflicts with provisions of the Fair Housing Act, 42 United States Code, Sections 3601-3619. Additionally, your committee finds that all housing should be included rather than only elder housing.



Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the language that restricts housing preference by zip code and replacing it with persons impacted by a low-income housing project; and
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval.

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. 1679, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1679, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



STANLEY CHANG, Chair



