

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2519

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2658
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Government Operations and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2658 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to create the position of director of housing within the department of business, economic development, and tourism to coordinate government resources to respond to Hawaii's housing shortage.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Your Committees find that there is a unique opportunity to increase the supply of housing by building more housing units on state-owned lands along the rail transit corridor. According to testimony received by your Committees, the agencies that control state lands have a limited understanding of the real estate development and government land processes. This means that existing state lands may not be redeveloped for uses that will help achieve the state goal of increasing housing at all price points. Your Committees recognize that a centralized authority with the ability to collaborate across various state agencies and



coordinate state resources is needed to appropriately respond to Hawaii's housing crisis.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the title of the position of director housing to the position of housing coordinator;
- (2) Attaching the position to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation under chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (3) Making the position of housing coordinator exempt from civil service;
- (4) Revising the duties and responsibilities of the position to include organizing and maintaining a housing opportunity working group to find ways to maximize housing development efficiency and report its efforts to the Governor and the Legislature;
- (5) Deleting language that would have required the housing coordinator to address complaints and other issues concerning public housing;
- (6) Amending Section 1 to reflect its amended purpose; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Government Operations and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2658, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2658, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Government
Operations and Housing,

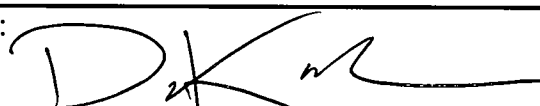

STANLEY CHANG, Chair


LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2658	GVO/HOU, WAM	2-4-20		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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