

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3705

Honolulu, Hawaii

JUN 29 2020

RE: S.C.R. No. 2
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 Hawaiian Affairs and Housing, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 2 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ALLOW HAWAIIAN HOMESTEADS TO BE DIRECT RECIPIENTS OF FEDERAL NATIVE HAWAIIAN HOUSING BLOCK GRANTS UNDER THE NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and United States Congress to provide additional federal funds for Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants, designate individual Hawaiian homesteads to be direct recipients of Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants, and identify and secure other forms of direct assistance to the State to address the affordable housing needs of the Native Hawaiian population.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Maui County Council, Villages of Laiopua and Laiopua Community Development Corporation, and four individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.



Your Committees find that the Native Hawaiian Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act established a block grant program to transform the way American Indians and Alaska Natives were provided housing. This Act was amended to provide similar funding for Native Hawaiians. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is the designated recipient for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants. Your Committees conclude that designating individual Hawaiian homesteads to be direct recipients of Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants could expedite the effective utilization of the funds and expand affordable housing opportunities for low-income families and individuals living on, or desiring to live on, Hawaiian homesteads.

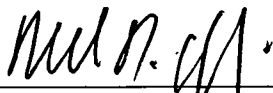
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is urged to assist and train individual Hawaiian homesteads on the technical aspects and processes involved in expending and utilizing Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants;
- (2) Removing language urging the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and Congress of the United States to designate individual Hawaiian homesteads as direct recipients of Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants;
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

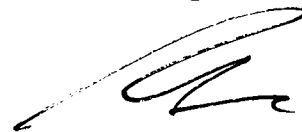
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 2, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 2, S.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Hawaiian Affairs
and Housing,



STANLEY CHANG, Chair

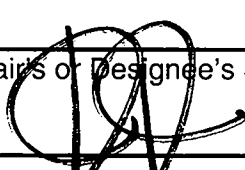


MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 2	Committee Referral: HWN/HOU	Date: 3/3/20		
<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
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (VC)	/			/
IHARA, Jr., Les				/
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				/
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

