

Honolulu, Hawaii
, 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1649
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Housing and Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1649 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address Hawaii's affordable housing needs by requiring:

- (1) State agencies to submit an annual report to the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness on any vacant state land that is suitable for the construction of affordable housing within each agency's jurisdiction; and
- (2) The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness to compile the reports and submit an annual report to the Legislature.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committees find that identification of vacant State land by state agencies in annual reports will assist housing entities

and policymakers in identifying, assessing, and developing affordable housing. The compilation of the vacant state land information and submittal of this information, along with findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation, to the Legislature will also better inform policymaking and aid in ascertaining the potential and feasibility of using the land to construct affordable housing.

Upon consideration, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring state agencies to submit the annual reports to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, rather than to the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness;
- (2) Defining "vacant state land";
- (3) Requiring the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, rather than the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, to compile the state agency reports and submit annual reports to the Legislature;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1649, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1649, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Housing and Water
& Land,

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