

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2444  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2444 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to condition a county's authority to exercise state housing powers upon the county's continued compliance with provisions regarding the acceptance of the dedication of infrastructure and public highways in affordable housing developments.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one member of the Maui County Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that this measure takes steps to address a thirty-year-old program that has existed at the Villages of Kapolei, where the City and County of Honolulu has not accepted dedication of infrastructure improvements constructed by a Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation predecessor agency. Your Committee further finds that although the City and County of Honolulu receives the real property tax revenues derived, in part, from the State's infrastructure improvements, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation must maintain those same



improvements at an average cost to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund of more than \$1,000,000 per year. This measure will enable the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to make better use of the funds in the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund for the development of new infrastructure for affordable housing projects in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Limiting the condition related to a county's authority to exercise state housing powers to counties with a population greater than five hundred thousand;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2444, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2444, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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

  
NADINE K. NAKAMURA, Chair



