

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1651-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 , 2022

RE: H.R. No. 126  
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.R. No. 126  
entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING ALL STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES TO  
FOLLOW THE TRUE INTENT OF CHAPTER 201H, HAWAII REVISED  
STATUTES, AND THE EXPRESS PROVISIONS OF SECTION 201H-38,  
HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, RATHER THAN IMPOSE ADDITIONAL  
RESTRICTIONS AND PROCESSES, TO ADDRESS THE SHORTAGE OF  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge all state and county  
agencies to follow the true intent of chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised  
Statutes, and the express provisions of section 201H-38, Hawaii  
Revised Statutes, rather than impose additional restrictions and  
processes, to address the shortage of affordable housing in the  
State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from Stanford Carr Development, LLC and Imanaka Asato, LLC.

Your Committee finds that the critical need for affordable  
and available housing continue to be a serious problem in the  
State, with dire, direct ramifications on families and individuals  
who are unable to secure a stable place to live and negative  
impacts on the quality of life for all in the State. Your

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Committee also finds that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (Corporation) is tasked with developing and financing low- and moderate-income housing projects and administering homeownership programs.

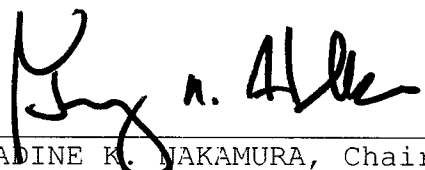
Additionally, the Corporation is granted extensive powers to assist in financing and developing affordable housing in the State. Section 201H-38, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes the Corporation to develop affordable housing projects that are exempt from all laws, rules, and regulations that impact development, subject to certain conditions. Your Committee notes that the counties are granted the same housing powers and authority as those granted to the Corporation. This measure urges all state and county agencies to embrace the true intent of these statutory powers, as this commitment is vital to the creation of affordable housing throughout the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting that certified copies of this measure be transmitted to all members of each county council; and
- (2) 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 126, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 126, H.D. 1.

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

  
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NADINE K. NAKAMURA, Chair

for



Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HR 126</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HSG</b>	Date: <b>3-22-22</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HSG Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKAMURA, Nadine K. (C)	X			
2. HASHIMOTO, Troy N. (VC)	X			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
4. CLARK, Linda				X
5. ILAGAN, Greggor	X			
6. KITAGAWA, Lisa	X			
7. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				X
8. TAKUMI, Roy M.	X			
9. McDERMOTT, Bob				X
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	<b>6</b>			<b>3</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Nadine K. Nakamura</i></u>				
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