

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1280
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 1280 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for construction of phase I of a senior living affordable housing project by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center, AlohaCare, Partners in Care, and Catholic Charities Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that the State has a housing crisis. The high cost of housing in particular affects senior citizens who often live on fixed incomes. This is particularly worrisome as the age group of those sixty-five years and older is growing at an annual rate of 3.6 percent while the total annual population growth for the entire State is just 0.5 percent. The State needs to take action to help elderly citizens with affordable housing. This measure will provide the funds necessary for an affordable senior living housing project.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating general obligation bond funds to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund for fiscal year 2022 only;
- (2) Inserting required language for the lapse of general obligation bonds; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 1280, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1280, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

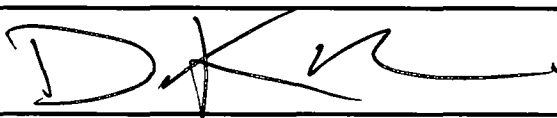


STANLEY CHANG, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1280	HOU, WAM	2/11/21		
<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.	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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