

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

207

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2021

RE: S.B. No. 43
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. 43
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to create the
position of Housing Coordinator to be administratively attached to
the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation,
Hawaii Public Housing Authority, EAH Housing, and BIA Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that there is a statewide housing crisis
that is negatively impacting the quality of life of Hawaii's
residents. The overall lack of supply of housing and the
exorbitant cost of the available housing supply is causing an
exodus of residents out of the State to more affordable markets.
There is a need to coordinate and focus the efforts of the various
government agencies who have an obligation to increase the supply
of available housing so that Hawaii residents can purchase a home.
To accomplish this task, this measure will create the position of
Housing Coordinator to be a centralized authority in government to
coordinate all of the government's resources to respond to the
housing crisis.



Your Committee received testimony from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) that to charge the Housing Coordinator with oversight of state public housing units would interfere with HPHA's annual contribution contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the Housing Coordinator's duty to facilitate redevelopment and rehabilitation of existing public housing units;
- (2) Changing the appropriation amount from an unspecified amount to \$200,000 to cover salary and fringe benefits for the position of Housing Coordinator; 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. 43, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 43, 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



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHANG, Stanley (C)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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