

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

214

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2021

RE: S.B. No. 870

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. 870
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the
utility companies to install infrastructure or equipment whenever
an affordable housing development within a transit-oriented
development area requires the infrastructure or equipment to be
installed underground.


Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Hawaii Habitat for Humanity. Your Committee received
testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaiian Electric
Company. Your Committee received comments on this measure from
the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that the costs associated with utility
infrastructure and equipment for affordable housing projects can
render a development financially unfeasible. This is especially
true when utility infrastructure and equipment are required to be
placed underground where the costs are significantly higher.
Because of the crisis that Hawaii is facing due to the lack of
affordable housing, your Committee finds that the utility
companies should bear responsibility for underground installation
of infrastructure and equipment so that more affordable housing
units can be constructed for Hawaii's residents.



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. 870 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Ways and Means.

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

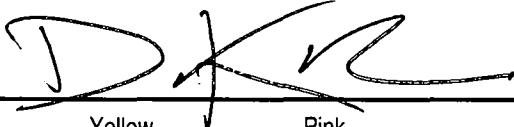


STANLEY CHANG Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 870	HOU, CPN/WAM	02/04/2021
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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	5	∅
∅	∅	∅
Recommendation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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