

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2225

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2654
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2654 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt any development of homestead lots or housing for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands from general excise and use taxes.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers Association; Ho'omana Pono, LLC; Dowling Company, Inc; and nine individuals.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance, Department of Taxation, and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committees find that homestead lots or housing developed for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands that is awarded to native Hawaiians, are offered at rates that are affordable in comparison to similar housing opportunities available in Hawaii. This measure will exempt any development of homestead lands from



general excise and use taxes, which will further reduce the housing costs for Department of Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries.

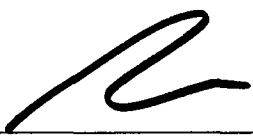
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the tax exemptions proposed by this measure shall apply only to housing projects that shall be awarded to and occupied by beneficiaries of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2654, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2654, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Housing,


STANLEY CHANG, Chair


MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair

The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Housing
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2654	HWN/HOU, WAM	2/6/24		
<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)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N. (VC)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes