

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2023

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RE: H.B. No. 1395

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1395 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the planning and design for new housing units at the Kapaa public housing project site in Kapaa, Kauai.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and one member of the Kaua'i County Council.

Your Committee finds that the State is in need of more affordable housing to meet the demand of residents. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is currently looking to develop ten thousand new affordable units across the State, which includes the Kapaa public housing project. The Kapaa public housing project is currently fifty-seven years old and at the end of its useful life. However, your Committee believes that it is in a prime location for the development of much needed new housing units. This measure will help the Hawaii Public Housing Authority transform under-utilized State assets into vibrant, mixed-income, and mixed-use communities.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$2,000,000.

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 H.B. No. 1395, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1395, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



TROY N. HASHIMOTO, Chair



