

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

547

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 13** , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1096  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 1096, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TENANT SELECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the statutorily established tenant selection preferences for disabled veterans and spouses of deceased veterans in the State Low-Income Housing Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Your Committee finds that because tenant selection preferences for the State Low-income Housing Program are currently codified in statute, it can be difficult for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to adjust policies in response to evolving housing needs. Your Committee further finds that this measure does not eliminate housing assistance for veterans or their spouses but rather modernizes how preferences are managed, ensuring greater flexibility and responsiveness in addressing housing needs statewide.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety that is attached to this report, your

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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1096, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,

*Della A. Belatti*

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DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 1096, HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HSG, PBS, JHA</b>	Date: <b>2/12/2025</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
PBS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda				✓
5. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. POEPOE, Mahina				✓
8. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
9. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	7			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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