

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1770

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1294
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1294, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish an agricultural workforce housing working group within the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Agribusiness Development Corporation, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Green Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action, Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association, Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Farmers Union, Kauai Climate Action Coalition, Maui Chamber of Commerce, Purple Maia Foundation, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the agricultural industry is an important sector of Hawaii's economy. Your Committee further



finds that there is a shortage of agricultural workforce housing in the State, presenting challenges for maintaining an adequate agricultural workforce and affecting agricultural production. Your Committee believes that convening a workforce housing working group will help lead to solutions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1294, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

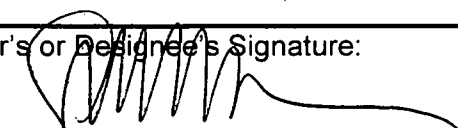
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB1294 HD2 SD1	Committee Referral: AEN/HOU, WAM	Date: 4/2/2025		
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____</div>				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div></div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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