

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 25 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 431  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 2  
C.D. 1

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

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

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 431, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for:

- (1) The continued implementation of the Kauhale Initiative and Ohana Zones Pilot Program; and
- (2) The development of supportive housing projects and the provision of supportive services for certain households in the supportive housing projects.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:



- (1) Establishing requirements for kauhale projects, including reporting requirements by the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions;
- (2) Requiring the Auditor to conduct a management and performance audit of the Kauhale Initiative and report to the Legislature;
- (3) Inserting appropriation amounts of \$18,575,000 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and \$24,325,000 for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the continued operation of the Kauhale Initiative;
- (4) Establishing the Ohana Zones Program as a permanent program within the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions;
- (5) Inserting appropriation amounts of \$2,525,000 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and \$5,855,000 for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the continued implementation of the Ohana Zones Pilot Program;
- (6) Deleting language that would have appropriated funds for supportive housing projects and supportive services for certain households in those projects;
- (7) Requiring the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to submit a report every four months to the Legislature detailing the expenditure of funds appropriated toward the Kauhale and Ohana Zones initiatives and conduct a comprehensive needs assessment and submit a report on the assessment to the Legislature;
- (8) Changing references to the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness to "Coordinator on Homelessness";
- (9) Specifying that the Coordinator on Homelessness shall report directly to the Director of Human Services;
- (10) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2025; and
- (11) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of




H.B. No. 431, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 431, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:


ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

  
JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA  
Chair

  
STANLEY CHANG  
Co-Chair

  
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# Hawaii State Legislature

## Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

CCR 189

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: <b>HB 431, HD 2, SD 2</b>					Date/Time: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">4/25/25 5pm</div>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).										
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.										
<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.					
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E	
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A., Chr.	/				MARTEN, Lisa, Co-Chr.	/				
CHANG, Stanley, Co-Chr.				/	EVSLIN, Luke A., Co-Chr.				/	
AQUINO, Henry J.C., Co-Chr.	/				TAKENOUCHI, Jenna, Co-Chr.	/				
FEVELLA, Kurt	/				OLDS, Ikaika	/				
					PIERICK, Elijah				/	
TOTAL	3			1	TOTAL	3			2	
A = Aye		WR = Aye with Reservations			N = Nay		E = Excused			
Senate Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted					House Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted					
Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 					House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature: 					
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