

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025RE: S.B. No. 79
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 Judiciary, to which was referred S.B.
No. 79, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION
REVIEWS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to determine the effect of any certain proposed housing projects within ninety days of a request for determination;
- (2) Establish historical review requirements based on the project area's known historic, cultural, and archaeological resources; and
- (3) Establish procedures and notification requirements if previously unidentified human remains or previously unidentified historic or cultural resources are discovered.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and one individual.



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

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committee finds that it essential that the State address the shortage of affordable housing. Your Committee further finds that the State Historic Preservation Division has a lengthy backlog of historic preservation reviews which leads to delays and increased costs in the development of affordable housing projects. Accordingly, this measure streamlines the historic review process to expedite the development of affordable housing projects in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 79, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

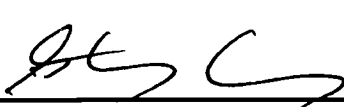


KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 79, SD 1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WR/HOU/HWN, JDC</i>	Date: <i>2/20/25</i>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)				✓
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"></div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes