

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1000

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2025

RE: S.B. No. 944
S.D. 2

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 S.B. No. 944, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the low-income housing tax credit.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Authorizes a partner or member in a partnership or limited liability company that has been allocated a low-income housing tax credit to further allocate the credit or transfer, sell, or assign up to one hundred percent of the tax credit, under certain conditions; and
- (2) Extends the repeal date for certain provisions of the low-income housing tax credit for low-income buildings.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, American Council of Life Insurers, The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Maui Chamber of Commerce, NAIOP Hawaii Chapter, and Sugar Creek Capital.



Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program is one of the most important resources for creating affordable housing in the United States today. Your Committee further finds that this measure is intended to increase the flexibility of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program and make it easier for developers to secure funding, broaden investor participation, and accelerate the construction of affordable housing.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a repeal date of July 1, 2030, for the amendments made to section 235-110.8(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, by section 1 of the measure; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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 S.B. No. 944, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 944, S.D. 2.

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


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 944, SD 1</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HOU, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/27/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <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: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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