

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1794

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1298
H.D. 3
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. 1298, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to create affordable housing opportunities for state workers to improve worker recruitment and retention.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes within the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation the Government Employee Housing Revolving Fund Program and Government Employee Ninety-Nine-Year Leasehold Rent-to-Own Program to facilitate the development of affordable housing and low-cost rental and leasehold residential condominium units for rent and sale to government employees and the general public on state-owned land;
- (2) Creates the government employee housing revolving fund to finance affordable housing projects under the programs established pursuant to paragraph (1); and
- (3) Makes appropriations.



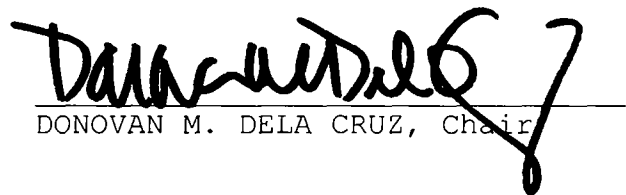
Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, United Public Workers, Hawaii Government Employees Association, and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

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

Your Committee finds that it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit and retain state employees. Your Committee further finds that increasing affordable rental and homeownership opportunities for state employees will help to reduce the resignation and outmigration of state employees, while also making state employment more attractive to job seekers.

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. 1298, H.D. 3, 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.:* HB1298 HD3 SD1	Committee Referral: HOU/LBT, WAM	Date: 4/3/25		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input 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; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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