STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1535

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 2 2025

RE: H.B. No. 794 H.D. 1 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. 794, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BONDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance project appropriations contained in Acts of the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that Article VII, Section 13 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii requires the Legislature to include a declaration of findings in every general law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds. Your Committee further finds that the declaration of findings must include a statement that the issuance of the general obligation bonds will not cause the state debt limit to be exceeded at the time of issuance.

Your Committee further finds that this measure makes the constitutionally required findings.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 H.B. No. 794, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 794, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

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Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.							
If so, then the previous decision was to:							
The Recommendation is:							
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313							
Members		Aye	Aye (W	R) N	ay	Excused	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)		X					
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)		×					
AQUINO, Henry J.C.							
DECOITE, Lynn		X					
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.		× × × × ×					
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.		$\boldsymbol{\times}$					
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		\times					
KANUHA, Dru Mamo		X					
KIDANI, Michelle N.		×					
KIM, Donna Mercado		X					
LEE, Chris		\times					
WAKAI, Glenn		\times					
FEVELLA, Kurt		X					
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted							
Chair's or Designee's Signature:							
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