

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 759

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Housing and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 759 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Add the Chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, or the Chairperson's designee, to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) Board of Directors; and
- (2) Amend quorum requirements for the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Hoomana Pono, LLC.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committees find that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has a constitutional mandate, through the Hawaiian Homes Commission, to the approximately twenty-nine thousand native Hawaiians on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands waiting list. As one of the largest housing developers in the State, the



Department of Hawaiian Home Lands holds a unique perspective in the development and construction of housing to achieve the fiduciary duty of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Therefore, this measure offers an additional perspective to the HHFDC Board of Directors that also supports the three different classes of beneficiaries to the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 759 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Housing and  
Hawaiian Affairs,



HERBERT RICHARDS, Chair



STANLEY CHANG, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 759</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HOU/HWN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/6/25</b>		
<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
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (C)	/			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (VC)	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
KEOHOKAOLE, Jarrett	/			
DECORTE, Samantha			/	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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