

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 771

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 771  
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the requirement that the Chairperson of the  
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation  
(HHFDC) Board of Directors be a public member; and
- (2) Repeal the prohibition that certain ex officio board  
members shall not be eligible to serve as Chairperson of  
the HHFDC Board of Directors.

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

Your Committee finds that the HHFDC Board of Directors serves  
a critical purpose to help the State meet the housing needs of its  
residents. However, existing statutory provisions prohibit  
certain members from serving in leadership roles on the HHFDC  
Board of Directors. This was initially intended to ensure that  
the Board would be community-oriented and responsive to the needs  
of the State's residents. However, two-thirds of the voting  
members of the HHFDC Board of Directors comprise of community



members, retaining the legislative intent that the membership reflect the concerns and needs of communities statewide, as this measure does not affect the existing composition of the Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 771 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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

  
STANLEY CHANG, Chair

## Record of Votes Committee on Housing HOU

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes