

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 Judiciary, 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 Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
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
supports HHFDC in achieving its mandate to assist in the
construction of affordable and innovative housing solutions
statewide. Presently, existing law prohibits certain members from
serving as the Chairperson of the HHFDC Board, to ensure housing
goals and policies are commensurate with the interests of the
communities served. However, amending existing statutory



provisions to allow certain ex officio board members to be eligible to serve as Chairperson will allow for additional perspectives to lead the Board while maintaining the legislative intent that the Board prioritize the needs of local communities. Therefore, this measure diversifies the leadership of the HHFDC Board while retaining the existing composition of the Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary 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 Third Reading.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



**Record of Votes
Committee on Judiciary
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes