STAND. COM. REP. NO. 766

Honolulu, Hawaii MAR 28 2006

RE: S.R. No. 37

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing, to which was referred S.R. No. 37 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE OWNERS OF KUKUI GARDENS TO SELL THE PROJECT TO A QUALIFIED AFFORDABLE HOUSING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the owners of Kukui Gardens to sell the project to a qualified affordable housing non-profit organization that will make a reasonable offer to purchase the property.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii, two members of the Honolulu City Council, the Affordable Housing and Homeless Alliance, the League of Women Voters of Honolulu, the Hawaii Association of Realtors, Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE), Solidarity with the Homeless, and thirty-five individuals.

Your Committee finds that a reasonable offer to purchase Kukui Gardens by a nonprofit housing organization will preserve the complex for future affordable housing, allow the existing tenants to remain in their housing, and preserve the character of the historic Chinatown neighborhood. The residents of Kukui Gardens deserve to be a party to the transaction because they are the ones most at risk if the sale is not handled equitably. All will benefit from the active intervention of the State to ensure that there is no negative impact on current and future residents.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 37 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing,

ROM MENOR Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Housing (Bills and Resolutions)

| SR 37 Committee Referral: Date: 3-16-06 | | | | |
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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 to: | | | | |
| Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2312) (2311) (2310) (2313) | | | | |
| Members | Ayes | Ayes(WR) | Nays | Excused |
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| Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted | | | | |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature: Ressly H Bake | | | | |
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