

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

950

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2013

RE: H.B. No. 536
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 536, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to not select or to terminate from state low-income housing any applicant or tenant if the applicant, tenant, or a household member owns or acquires a home within the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and Homeless and Affordable Housing Institute.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is not able to consider whether an applicant is a homeowner in determining eligibility of living in low-income public housing. Meanwhile, there are over ten thousand families on the waitlist for low-income public housing. By allowing the Authority to deny acceptance for or terminate the tenancy of an individual or family who owns or acquires a home, the Authority will be able to house those who truly have no other means of shelter.

During the hearing on this measure, your Committee heard testimony expressing concerns about victims of crime and hopes



that the Authority will look into exempting victims of criminal activity, such as domestic abuse and sexual assault, from having to return to an unsafe environment. Your Committee finds that this issue merits further consideration and requests that your Committee on Ways and Means further examine the issue raised by testimony on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that a deceased veteran's widower shall also be given first preference when the Authority selects tenants based upon greatest need.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 536, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 536, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,

Suzanne Chun Oakland

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
GREEN, Josh (VC)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				✓
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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