

SCR3

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT A NEEDS-BASED ASSESSMENT OF FARM WORKER HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

Report Title: Assessment of Farm Worker Housing Needs Working Group

Description:

Companion: [HCR12](#)

Package: Housing and Homeless Legislative Package

Current Referral: HOU/WLA, WAM

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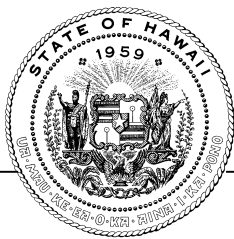
Statement of
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE
March 28, 2016 at 2:55 p.m.
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In consideration of
S.C.R. 3
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THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

HHFDC supports S.C.R. 3. We would be willing to serve on the working group proposed therein.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Chairs Harimoto and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Galuteria and Nishihara, and Members of the Senate Committees on Housing and Water, Land, and Agriculture.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports the intent of SCR 3 which directs the OP, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC), the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA), and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to convene a working group for the purpose of conducting a needs assessment of farm worker housing throughout the State.

In light of Hawaii's critical affordable housing shortage, the modest incomes earned by many of the farm workers in the State of Hawaii may prohibit some of them from securing adequate housing. Additionally, the lack of affordable farm worker housing may discourage some workers from continuing to work in the agricultural industry, or it may discourage others

from entering the industry, thus reducing Hawaii's ability to meet our food self-sufficiency goals.

While OP supports the intent of this resolution, we respectfully offer the following comments. We suggest that \$10,000 be allocated to the working group, as funding may be needed for travel to the Neighbor Islands, meetings, or additional outreach. We also suggest that the resolution be amended to designate a lead agency so that the working group may effectively and efficiently accomplish its stated tasks.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Comments: We STRONGLY SUPPORT this resolution.

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Dylan Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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