STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1707

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 2 2019

RE: S.R. No. 92

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2019 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred S.R. No. 92 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO NOMINATE OPPORTUNITY ZONES TO ASSIST WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CENSUS TRACTS IN WAHLAWA AND WHITMORE VILLAGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Governor to nominate opportunity zones to assist with the economic development in census tracts in Wahiawa and Whitmore Village.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act authorized a community economic development program called the Opportunity Zones Program to encourage long-term investments in economically distressed communities nationwide by providing incentives for investors to re-invest unrealized capital gains into opportunity funds established by the private sector, in exchange for temporary tax deferral and other tax benefits. Your Committee also finds that despite being meant for economically distressed communities, many of which are rural communities, opportunity zones were not designated in any rural areas in the City and County of Honolulu. This measure urges the Governor to nominate opportunity zones to assist with economic development in census tracts in Wahiawa and Whitmore Village.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 92 and recommends its adoption.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,

## The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism EET

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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:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)					
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)					
INOUYE, Lorraine R.					
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett					
FEVELLA, Kurt		45			V
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TOTAL		3	0	0	2
Recommendation:  Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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