Honolulu, Hawaii **Februam 5**, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1403 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2019 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1403 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the counties to implement a streamlined permit approval process, including an exemption from the environmental impact statement requirement, for certain housing development projects that commence between July 1, 2019 and July 1, 2026.

The Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu, Sierra Club of Hawai'i and several individuals submitted testimony in opposition to this measure. The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Office of Environmental Quality Control, Hawaiian Community Assets, Life of the Land, and an individual submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee notes the testimony of Hawaiian Community Assets that there is a delicate balance between affordable housing development and the preservation of cultural and environmental resources, and that environmental impact statements are necessary for sustainable development, effective management, and environment conservation. Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1403, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1403, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection.

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

TOM BROWER. Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing**

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date	<b>:</b>		
HB 1403	HSG, EEP, F	17	1-31-19		
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
<b>HSG Members</b>	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. BROWER, Tom (C)					
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)		<u></u>			
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3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.			<u> </u>		
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.				<u> </u>	
5. HASHEM, Mark J.		<u> </u>			
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6. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.					
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7. WOODSON, Justin H.		distribution de l'agricologie	Alberto II Alpin II		
8. McDERMOTT, Bob		<u> </u>		<u></u>	
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If joint re	ferral,	did not support recommendation.			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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