

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2318**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 04 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2053
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2053 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require a county to approve, approve with modification, or disapprove an application for a permit for a housing development project that uses moneys from the rental housing revolving fund within thirty days.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Maui County Council; National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, Hawaii Chapter; and Building Industry Association of Hawaii. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu, Young Progressives Demanding Action, Sierra Club of Hawai'i, Pono Hawaii Initiative, and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, one member of the Maui County Council, and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.



Your Committees find that there is an insufficient amount of affordable housing available in the State, leading to several residents leaving Hawaii in search of more affordable living situations. Your Committees further find that one of the largest obstacles to the development of affordable housing is the permitting delays for developers to begin their affordable housing projects. Streamlining the development of affordable housing by instituting an automatic approval under certain circumstances will expedite the construction and development of affordable housing for residents of the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that a county shall approve, approve with modification, or disapprove an application for discretionary permits, rather than all permits, for certain development, pre-development, construction, or substantial rehabilitation projects;
- (2) Changing the amount of time a county is required to approve, approve with modification, or disapprove an application from thirty days to forty-five days;
- (3) Deleting language that would have exempted certain development, pre-development, construction, or substantial rehabilitation from environmental impact statement requirements; and
- (4) Making conforming amendments.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2053, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2053, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs and Housing,


STANLEY CHANG, Chair


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



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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;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
HARIMOTO Breene				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
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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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHANG, Stanley (C)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">DK</div>				
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