

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2020RE: S.B. No. 2642
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 Water and Land and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2642 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Land Use Commission to govern housing density increases; and
- (2) Authorize homeowners located in a block to vote to increase the housing density for their respective block. Upon receiving an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the homeowners in a block, requires the Land Use Commission to increase the housing density for the block.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of Planning.

Your Committees find that not only is there a lack of available, affordable housing in Hawaii, but there is also a limited amount of space that housing can be developed on the islands. Your Committees further find that enabling greater



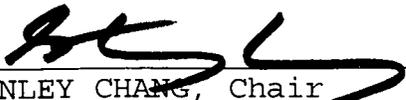
housing density in rural districts is in the best interests of the State and the State's housing crisis.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2033, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2642, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2642, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Water and Land and Housing,


STANLEY CHANG, Chair


KAIAMA L. MAHELE, Chair

The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2642	WTL/HOU, JDL	1/31/20		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)				X
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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