

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **320**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2019

RE: S.B. No. 636
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 636
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the
issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriate funds into
and out of the rental housing revolving fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation,
Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Faith Action for Community Equity,
Partners In Care, Hawaii Kai Homeless Task Force, and six
individuals.

Your Committee finds that the State is in a housing crisis,
primarily affecting households making eighty percent or less of
the area median income. This crisis is coupled with the high
population of chronically homeless individuals in the State. Your
Committee further finds that there is a need for more home
ownership, not just rentals, at reasonable prices for Hawaii
residents. The State would require roughly 44,000 new housing
units in order to solve the shortage. Your Committee believes
that more funding is required to address the severe lack of
affordable housing and to get the homeless off the streets and
into permanent housing.



Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

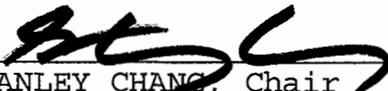
- (1) Inserting a blank general obligation bond authorization amount and blank amount to be appropriated into and out of the rental housing revolving fund;
- (2) Requiring that a specific amount of funds appropriated out of the rental housing revolving fund be expended to create permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals;
- (3) Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriating funds into and out of the dwelling unit revolving fund and, contingent upon the enactment of S.B. No. 878 in any form, the home ownership housing revolving fund; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committee recommends that your Committee on Ways and Means consider a general obligation issuance amount of \$400,000,000 to be divided among the rental housing revolving fund, dwelling unit revolving fund, and home ownership housing revolving fund. Your Committee notes that Catholic Charities Hawai'i requests \$75,000,000 to be allocated to the creation of permanent supportive housing units for chronically homeless individuals.

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 S.B. No. 636, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 636, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



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


STANLEY CHANG, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 636	Committee Referral: HOU, WAM	Date: 2/7/2019		
<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
CHANG, Stanley (C)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	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: 2em;">  </div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes