

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1751

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2022 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1751 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RURAL DISTRICTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase housing opportunities by allowing the counties to determine by ordinance the appropriateness of allowing dwellings on each quarter-acre, rather than each half-acre, of lands in rural districts; provided the ordinances are consistent with the county general plan and community development plans.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Association of REALTORS and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committee finds that under state law, counties may, by ordinance, allow dwellings on each one-half acre in rural districts. Given the shortage of housing in Hawaii, counties should be permitted to determine whether to allow one dwelling per one-quarter acre; provided that the dwelling is consistent with the county general plan and community development plan.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of 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. 1751, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1751, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Water & Land.

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

NADINE K. NAKAMURA, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives

Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1751 Committee Referral: HSGMLFIN Date: 2/3/22				
☐ 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)				
HSG Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKAMURA, Nadine K. (C)				
2. HASHIMOTO, Troy N. (VC)				
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3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.			<u> </u>	and I demand to be different to the Second S
4. CLARK, Linda				
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5. ILAGAN, Greggor				
6. KITAGAWA, Lisa				
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7. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				
8. TAKUMI, Roy M.	-1.1			
9. McDERMOTT, Bob	<u> </u>			
7. HEDDINIAGE E, DOU				-
TOTAL (9)	5	0	0	4
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. Committee acronym(s) Committee acronym(s				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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