

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 07 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 939
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 939
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL HOUSING ACCOUNT
PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the maximum amount
of deductible contributions for individual housing accounts to:

- (1) \$15,000 for single filers;
- (2) \$30,000 for joint filers; and
- (3) \$200,000 for the aggregate limit paid in cash for all
taxable years, excluding interest paid or accrued.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Federation of Republican Women and five
individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Department of Taxation.

Your Committee finds that as the cost of housing increases,
the State must continue to assist residents in finding methods of
increasing options for homeownership. Saving for a down payment
on a home loan continues to be a barrier for many Hawaii

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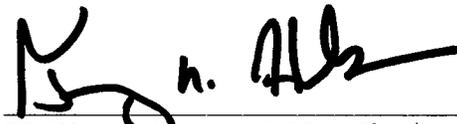
residents, as there are limited numbers of programs available to assist in this endeavor. This measure increases the contribution levels and maximum account levels for individual housing accounts in the State to better reflect current housing prices and further encourage prospective first-time homeowners to save for a down payment and closing costs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) 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. 939, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 939, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Economic Development.

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


TROY N. HASHIMOTO, Chair



