

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3350

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 17

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Housing and Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 17 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE THE STATE'S RENTAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE TO HOUSING OWNERS WHO RENT OR LEASE TO QUALIFIED KUPUNA A MORTGAGE PROPERTY WITHIN DESIGNATED LAVA ZONES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to utilize the State's Rental Supplement Program to provide homeowners insurance premium assistance to housing owners who rent or lease to qualified kupuna a mortgaged property within designated lava zones.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from three individuals.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Your Committees find that housing in the lava zones was once an affordable option for many residents, but the growing insurance expenses have resulted in higher rents being charged in the area to offset the insurance increases. Your Committees also find that the high cost of living in the State, fixed income and complex health needs of older adults, rapidly increasing rents, and the



declining availability of affordable housing make rental assistance for qualifying older adults a necessity. Therefore, this measure requests help to provide homeowners insurance premium assistance to housing owners who rent or lease to qualified kupuna to reduce their rent costs.


Your Committees note the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's request for an appropriation should this program be implemented.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 17 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Housing and
Health and Human Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



STANLEY CHANG, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
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 Committee on Housing
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHANG, Stanley (C)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N. (VC)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *[Signature]*

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