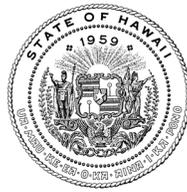


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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 679, H.D. 1

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RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) supports the intent of this bill.

House Bill (H.B.) No. 679, H.D. 1 amends Act 236, SLH 2022, by delaying the expenditure or encumbrance of an unspecified amount of general funds appropriated for deposit into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund until July 1, 2023, or thereafter. B&F notes that \$300,000,000 was the amount of general funds appropriated in Act 236.

Although this bill assists the State in satisfying its American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief fund maintenance-of-effort obligations, B&F would recommend passage of H.B. No. 1018, H.D. 1, which delays a greater number of "big-ticket" appropriations and has a more significant impact.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.