

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 04 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 286
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 286
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 annual
deduction for contributions to, and maximum account levels for,
individual housing accounts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Maui Chamber of Commerce and numerous individuals. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of
Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

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
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
to better reflect current housing prices and further encourage
prospective first-time homeowners to save for a down payment and
closing costs.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 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. 286, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 286, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Economic Development & Technology.

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



LUKE A. EVSLIN, Chair



