STAND. COM. REP. NO. 145

Honolulu, Hawaii **FEB 10 2025** RE: S.B. No. 378

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 378 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a working group within the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to identify existing mixed-use developments in Maui County that could be acquired by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for use as affordable housing and commercial rental leases; and
- (2) Require a report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee finds that, following the 2023 Maui wildfires, there is a pressing need to develop housing in Maui County to ensure adequate housing inventory. Mixed-use development projects often combine housing, office, retail, medical, recreational and industrial components, meaning residents can live near where they work and play, creating vibrant communities and reducing traffic



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congestion. Establishment of a working group will provide housing agencies in Maui County with critical data and insight to expeditiously develop necessary housing units while maintaining commercial spaces that support local businesses.

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 S.B. No. 378 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

STANLEY CHANG, nair



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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 Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)) Nay	Excused
CHANG, Stanley (C)					
HASHIMOTO, Troy N. (VC)		/			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.		1,			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo					
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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