

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 65  
S.D. 1

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. 65  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate  
funds to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority for the  
rehabilitation, remodeling, renovation, and repair of housing  
units.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Human Services, Hawaii Public Housing  
Authority, and Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority  
(HPHA) has a mandate to provide the State's most vulnerable  
residents with safe housing and equitable living environments,  
free from discrimination. However, HPHA has an existing capital  
improvement backlog of approximately \$720 million, which has  
created a pressing need to ensure public housing units remain  
available for those who need them most. Further, certain  
buildings in HPHA's inventory are greater than fifty years old,  
requiring extensive repairs and maintenance to ensure safe,  
habitable environments for residents. Because HPHA relies on  
federal funding for the majority of its operations, which is  
commensurate with unit occupancy, providing HPHA with adequate



funding will ensure continuity of housing operations and reliable housing for residents.

Your Committee further finds that two hundred fourteen units in HPHA's inventory were rehabilitated and made available to residents last year. However, more work is needed to bring the remaining vacant units into compliance. Presently, there are one hundred thirty-nine vacant units that require repair and maintenance. The average cost to bring each unit into compliance with federal standards is \$73,000, which totals \$10,147,000. The vacant units are located in all four counties and in areas representing twenty out of the twenty-five Senate districts. Your Committee notes that this measure is the fastest, cheapest way to create housing for the State's most vulnerable residents to ensure that they will never have to pay more than thirty percent of their incomes in rent.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an appropriation amount of \$10,147,000.

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. 65, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 65, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

  
STANLEY CHANG, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*<br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">SB 65</div>  | Committee Referral:<br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">HOU, NAM</div> | Date:<br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">1/23/25</div> |     |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____  |  |   |     |         |
| The Recommendation is:<br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended<br/><small>2312</small></div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments<br/><small>2311</small></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold<br/><small>2310</small></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit<br/><small>2313</small></div> </div> |  |   |     |         |
| Members  | Aye  | Aye (WR)  | Nay | Excused |
| CHANG, Stanley (C)   | ✓  |   |     |         |
| HASHIMOTO, Troy N. (VC)  | ✓  |   |     |         |
| AQUINO, Henry J.C.   |  |   |     | ✓       |
| KANUHA, Dru Mamo   | ✓  |   |     |         |
| FEVELLA, Kurt  | ✓  |   |     |         |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted   |  |   |     |         |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:   |  |   |     |         |
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