

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1453

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 60  
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.C.R.  
No. 60 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII HOUSING  
FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO  
PRODUCE SUFFICIENT HOUSING TO MEET THE STATE'S DEMAND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Hawaii  
Housing Finance and Development Corporation to develop a plan to  
produce sufficient housing to meet the State's demand.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this  
measure from one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the  
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that the State's chronic housing  
shortage negatively impacts the quality of life for individuals  
and families statewide, creating lower economic well-being and  
higher rates of out-migration from Hawaii. In 2023, Governor Josh  
Green issued the Proclamation Relating to Housing, which aspired  
to lower or eliminate barriers to housing production.  
Additionally, the Legislature adopted House Concurrent Resolution  
No. 131, Regular Session of 2024 (H.C.R. No. 131), which requested  
the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to



develop a ten-year plan to satisfy Hawaii's housing demand. Upon completion of its report, HHFDC identified three primary barriers to housing development: inadequate supply of suitable land; insufficient infrastructure to support development; and unavailability of financing. While various state agencies have proposed solutions to address prohibitive barriers to housing development, including proposals passed by the Legislature, additional support through personnel, government capacity needs, and financial stability are needed to ensure accountability in the development of housing units. Therefore, addressing the systematic barriers to housing development will help the State to encourage expeditious development and maximize its resources to develop housing that is affordable to local working individuals and families, thereby addressing the State's existing housing demand.

Your Committee notes that H.C.R. No. 131 did not fully address financing needs or potential financing mechanisms that could be utilized to satisfy the State's housing demand. While HHFDC's report offers information on existing financing mechanisms, new approaches or existing financing needs were not addressed. Accordingly, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's Strategic Plan to Increase Housing Supply in Hawaii will address financing needs required to meet the existing demand for housing statewide.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting language requesting HHFDC to include in its plan:

- (1) Site identification, including density at each site;
- (2) How to maximize walkability and density;
- (3) The most efficient and sustainable financial plan and needs;
- (4) Personnel and government capacity needs; and
- (5) How to overcome barriers to housing supply, such as ensuring adequate availability of land, sufficient infrastructure, and increasing available financing models.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 60, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 60, S.D. 1.

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.:* <b>SCR 60</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HOU</b>	Date: <b>3-18-25</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
CHANG, Stanley (C)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N. (VC)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted         <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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