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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 09, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1718  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1718 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the sunset date of Act 45, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, thereby making permanent the authority of the counties to share in facilitating the development, construction, financing, refinancing, or other provision of mixed-use developments, including low- and moderate-income housing projects, and to issue county bonds for these purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Department of Housing and Land Management of the City and County of Honolulu; and Housing Hawai'i's Future.

Your Committee finds that counties play an essential role in developing affordable and mixed-use housing, yet temporary statutory authority creates uncertainty for long-term planning and investment. Your Committee further finds that the existing sunset date in Act 45, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024 (Act 45), limits the counties' ability to pursue multi-year financing and development



initiatives that are necessary to expand the State's housing supply. Removing Act 45's sunset date ensures counties can reliably utilize their powers over the long term, supporting continued coordination and investment in affordable housing.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for 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. 1718, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1718, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Water & Land.

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

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LUKE A. EVSLIN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing

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| HB1718               | HSG, WAL, FIN       | 2/4/24 |

The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

**The recommendation is to:**  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

| HSG Members                 | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------|------|---------|
| 1. EVSLIN, Luke A. (C)      | ✓    |           |      |         |
| 2. MIYAKE, Tyson K. (VC)    | ✓    |           |      |         |
| 3. COCHRAN, Elle            | ✓    |           |      |         |
| 4. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada | ✓    |           |      |         |
| 5. KILA, Darius K.          | ✓    |           |      |         |
| 6. KITAGAWA, Lisa           |      |           |      | ✓       |
| 7. LA CHICA, Trish          | ✓    |           |      |         |
| 8. MURAOKA, Christopher L.  | ✓    |           |      |         |
| 9. PIERICK, Elijah          | ✓    |           |      |         |
| TOTAL (9)                   | 8    | 0         | 0    | 1       |

**The recommendation is:**  Adopted  Not Adopted

If joint referral, \_\_\_\_\_ did not support recommendation.  
 committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: J. Miyake

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