

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05, 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1650
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1650, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the environmental assessment requirement for proposed actions within the Waikiki Special District.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Waikiki Beach Special Improvement District Association; Hawai'i YIMBY; and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from UNITE HERE Local 5; Hawaii's Thousand Friends; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1650, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



CHRIS TODD, Chair



