

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1700
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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1700, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to include housing projects for individuals with disabilities and individuals with access and functional needs as eligible projects to apply for expedited permits.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Navian Hawaii; Housing Hawai'i's Future; Aloha Independent Living Hawaii; ALS Network; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that expedited permitting is a strategy that has been shown to reduce development delays and costs, which can be particularly burdensome for projects serving vulnerable populations. By explicitly including housing projects that target individuals with disabilities and those with access and functional needs, this measure addresses barriers that have limited the availability of accessible units and slowed progress toward a more inclusive housing landscape in the State.



Your Committee notes that it believes that nothing in this measure preempts the Americans with Disabilities Act, Fair Housing Act, state accessibility standards, or county building codes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1700, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary &
Hawaiian Affairs,



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



