

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3721

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1711
H.D. 1
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1711, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand affordable housing options by providing the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation with flexibility to meet the diverse needs of families and to address the State's economic realities.

More specifically, this measure replaces the current five-year option period for the Corporation's Rent-To-Own Program with an option period to be determined by the Corporation.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and Hawaii REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that the Corporation's Rent-To-Own Program is a critical part of the housing ladder for families who aspire to homeownership, but cannot immediately qualify for a mortgage loan. Your Committee acknowledges, however, that the current statutorily mandated five-year option period, during which a home's sales price remains fixed, is insufficient to account for varying financial circumstances and market conditions.

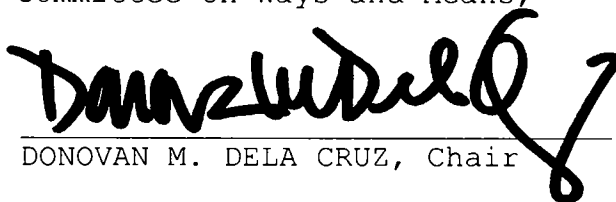
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Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the length of the option period during which the sales price remains fixed from a period established by the Corporation to a period of up to ten years.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1711, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1711, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

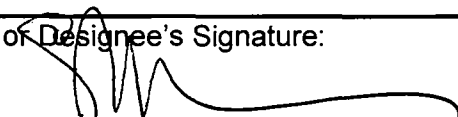
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HD 1711, HD1, SD1	HOU, WAM	4/7/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris				X
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
Distribution:				
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