

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1737
H.D. 3
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

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

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

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 1737, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARM EMPLOYEE HOUSING,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the allowable uses within agricultural districts with respect to farm dwellings and farm employee housing.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the definition of "farm dwelling";
- (2) Amending the definition of "farm employee housing" by authorizing a county to limit occupancy of farm employee housing to agricultural employees and their immediate



family members and deleting language that would have deemed any farm employee housing that was issued a building permit or certificate of occupancy before the effective date of this measure a nonconforming use;

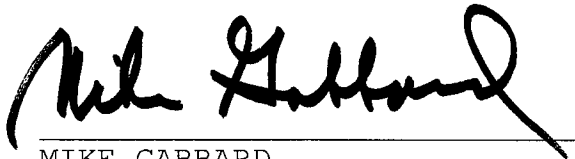
- (3) Defining "agricultural activity" for purposes of farm dwellings and farm employee housing;
- (4) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1737, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1737, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

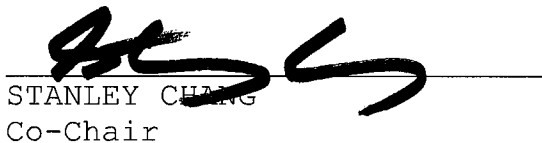
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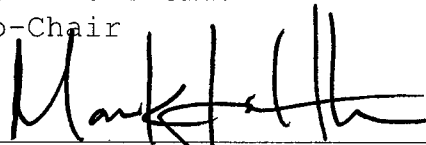
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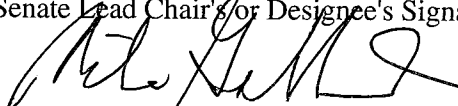
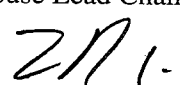


DAVID A. TARNAS
Co-Chair



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Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: HB 1737, HD 3, SD 2					Date/Time: 04/27/26 10:22 am				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).									
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.									
<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					<input type="checkbox"/> The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.				
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	E
GABBARD, Mike, Chr.	✓				EVSLIN, Luke A., Co-Chr.	✓			
CHANG, Stanley, Co-Chr.	✓				HASHEM, Mark J., Co-Chr.	✓			
RHOADS, Karl, Co-Chr.	✓				CHUN, Cory M., Co-Chr.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓				TARNAS, David A., Co-Chr.	✓			
					COCHRAN, Elle	✓			
TOTAL	4				TOTAL	5			
A = Aye		WR = Aye with Reservations			N = Nay		E = Excused		
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Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:					House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
									
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