

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3459

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 07 2026

RE: S.R. No. 151

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Housing and Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.R. No. 151 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' HOMELESS PROGRAMS OFFICE, STATEWIDE OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS, AND HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CREATE A HOUSING LADDER PROGRAM TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES GRADUATE INTO UNSUBSIDIZED HOUSING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Department of Human Services' Homeless Programs Office, Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions, and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to create a housing ladder program to help individuals and families graduate into unsubsidized housing.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions of the Department of Human Services, and one individual.

Your Committees find that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation operates several programs designed to help individuals graduate into unsubsidized housing, including financing and supporting developments that provide a range of



affordability levels, enabling residents to move up the housing ladder. The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation is also working to initiate several more programs, including rent-to-own programs, that will enable households to transition from renters to homeowners, allowing them to build equity and potentially move into market-rate units. However, further coordination among state agencies is vital to the development of a more comprehensive housing ladder program. This measure contributes to that goal by emphasizing the importance of collaboration among state agencies.

Your Committees note, however, that homelessness in the State has continued to grow unabated, despite substantial legislative appropriations and many years to address the issue. This suggests that existing solutions to homelessness are insufficient to resolve the problem at its current scale and that it is necessary to reevaluate the State's strategy for combatting homelessness. Likewise, your Committees note the lack of accountability in the State's efforts to address homelessness, as demonstrated by the large legislative appropriations that have yet to result in meaningful change. Without reestablishing accountability and creating concrete mechanisms for ensuring that housing solutions reach those who need them, coordination among state agencies is unlikely to lead to improved outcomes.


As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 151 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Housing and  
Health and Human Services,

  
JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair  
STANLEY CHANG, Chair

The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Housing**  
**HOU**

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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHANG, Stanley (C)	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N. (VC)				✓
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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**HHS**

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The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo				✓
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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