

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1483

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 27 2009

RE: H.C.R. No. 63

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education and Housing, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 63 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO INCLUDE THE KUKUI GARDENS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN THE STATE'S LIST OF SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Governor to include Kukui Gardens in the State's list of shovel-ready projects submitted for inclusion in the President of the United States' proposed economic stimulus plan.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one private organization and two individuals. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that a number of concerned organizations have been working for three years to preserve the eight hundred fifty-seven affordable rental housing units in Kukui Gardens as affordable rental units, which would save an estimated 2,500 people from potential homelessness. Your Committee understands that a compromise was reached whereby the State of Hawaii purchased the land under forty-five per cent of the property and sold the improvements to the EAH, Devine & Gong Partnership, preserving three hundred eighty-nine of the units, referred to as Kukui Gardens Makai. The sale of the Makai improvements included a requirement to rehabilitate the property at an estimated cost of

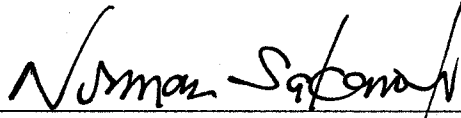


\$17,000,000, which was to be financed in part by the sale of state and federal low income housing tax credits. This work was to have commenced in the summer of 2008, but has been delayed due to the evaporation of the low income housing tax credit market.

Your Committee further finds that the building permits are in place and that work can begin as soon as funding is provided, meeting the "shovel-ready" definition for qualification of stimulus package funds.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 63, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Education and  
Housing,

  
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NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312       Pass, with amendments 2311       Hold 2310       Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
TSUTSUI, Shan S.				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted       Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Michelle N. Kidani*

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