

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 121

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 121 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING
AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriate funds for the redevelopment, design, and construction of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's Kuhio Homes and Kuhio Park Terrace low-rise properties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation.

Your Committee finds that affordable housing is a serious concern for many Hawaii residents. According to the 2011 Hawaii Housing Planning Study, up to 50,000 new housing units will need to be built by 2016 to meet the new demand generated by changing demographics and economic conditions. Failure to produce sufficient units for low- and moderate- income households will cause pent-up demand in these market segments. Furthermore, deferring maintenance of existing public housing stock may exacerbate the severe shortage of low-income rental housing. This measure provides needed funds for the redevelopment of Kuhio Park Terrace and the Kuhio Homes properties, which were built in 1965 and 1953, respectively.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 121 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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


Suzanne Chun Oakland

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services and Housing
HSH

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 121	Committee Referral: HSH, WAM	Date: 1/31/15		
<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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
GREEN, Josh (VC)				✓
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes