

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 743

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 477
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 477, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys to improve the quality of existing public housing stock in the State.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Primary Care Association, and one individual. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, the only statewide public housing agency of the State, has a portfolio of eighty-five properties that comprises 6,195 units that serve over 6,100 families or more than 18,500 individuals. Your Committee believes that additional funding is needed to modernize units to correct health and safety issues and invest in accessibility and accommodation improvements. Your Committee further finds that this appropriation will support the plans, design, construction, and equipment to develop, upgrade, or renovate public housing facilities.



Your Committee finds that general obligation bonds are a more appropriate source of funding. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the means of financing from general funds to authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and using the revenues from those bonds to fund public housing improvements;
- (2) Changing the appropriation amount to an unspecified sum; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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 S.B. No. 477, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 477, S.D. 2.

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

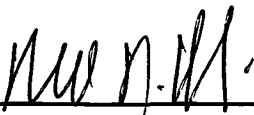


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB477 SD1	HSH, WAM	3/2/15		
<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 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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	11	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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