

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 970

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. 970 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to issue revenue bonds to finance the rental housing trust fund; and
- (2) Allow up to \$5,000,000 of conveyance tax revenues to be deposited into the rental housing trust fund to be used to repay revenue bonds and refunding revenue bonds issued to finance the rental housing trust fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Partners in Care, PHOCUSED, Building Industry Association of Hawaii, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that rental units are the greatest demand for low-income households; however, the market does not normally build for this population. The rental housing trust fund is critical because it is the only financing mechanism for households at thirty percent of the area median income or below. With nearly seventy-eight percent of extremely low-income



households paying more than half of their income in rent, there is a need to timely create thousands of units of affordable rentals.

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. 970 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, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services and Housing
HSH

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 970	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)	X			
GREEN, Josh (VC)				X
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SLOM, Sam				X
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