

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

943

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2023

RE: S.B. No. 494
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 494, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VACANT AND ABANDONED
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address the potential hazards associated with vacant and abandoned residential properties.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires each county to establish an expedited procedure for approvals of demolition permits for vacant residential properties; and
- (2) Allows the Department of Taxation to seek nonjudicial foreclosure sales of vacant and abandoned residential properties with outstanding recorded state tax liens.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.



Your Committee finds that vacant and abandoned residential properties pose significant public safety hazards and may lead to a decline in values of surrounding properties and a reduction in the tax base for local governments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation to fulfill the State's share of any mandated costs to the counties pursuant to Article VIII, section 5, of the Hawaii State Constitution; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 494, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 494, S.D. 2.

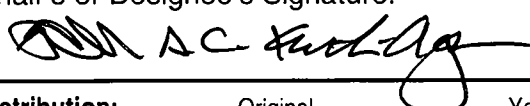
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 494 SD1	JDC, WAM	3/1/23		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt		X		
TOTAL	12	1		
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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