REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS & PARKS

Voting Members:
Andria Tupola, Chair; Augie Tulba, Vice-Chair;
Radiant Cordero, Scott Y. Nishimoto, Matt Weyer

Committee Meeting Held
August 19, 2025

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Housing, Homelessness & Parks, which considered Bill 20 (2025) entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FUNDS,"

which passed first reading at the February 26, 2025 Council meeting reports as follows:

The purpose of Bill 20 (2025) is to create a new special fund to assist prospective homebuyers by adding a new article, to be known as the "down payment loan assistance revolving fund", to Chapter 6 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021.

Aedward Los Banos, Deputy Director of the Department of Community Services, testified in opposition.

Gavin Thornton, Housing Policy Director of the Department of Housing and Land Management, testified in opposition.

At your Committee's meeting on August 19, 2025, one individual testified on behalf of the Honolulu Board of REALTORS® in support of the Bill. Your Committee received written testimony in support of the Bill from one individual and the Honolulu Board of REALTORS®.

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Your Committee on Housing, Homelessness & Parks is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 20 (2025) and recommends that it pass second reading, be scheduled for public hearing and be referred to, and accepted by, the Committee on Budget for further consideration pursuant to its consecutive referral. (Ayes: Cordero, Nishimoto, Tulba, Tupola – 4; Noes: None; Absent: Weyer – 1.)

Respectfully submitted,

A Tupola

Committee Chair

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