STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

FFB 1 7 2011

RE: S.B. No. 891

S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui President of the Senate Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2011 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 891 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND SERVICES FOR THE BLIND DIVISION, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and make appropriations for the Department of Human Services' Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division to upgrade equipment and facilities for its Ho'opono program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Ho'opono program's facilities and equipment are in a dire state of disrepair and are rapidly approaching the point of becoming dangerous to the health and safety of its users. This measure secures funds to remedy this situation and improve the effectiveness of the Ho'opono program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 891, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 891, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Sixth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Human Services HMS

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.				
If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is:				
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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