

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2773
H.D. 3

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2773, H.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WEED AND SEED PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to reduce crime and
improve the quality of life in Hawaii's neighborhoods by:

- (1) Permanently establishing the weed and seed program
within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations;
- (2) Requiring the Department to submit an annual report to
the Legislature and Governor on the activities of the
weed and seed program, including completed or ongoing
projects, expended funds, and other relevant program
data or information;
- (3) Making an unspecified appropriation for a grant pursuant
to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the Young
Men's Christian Association of Honolulu to support the
operations of the weed and seed program through the
Office of Community Services of the Department of Labor
and Industrial Relations; and
- (4) Making an unspecified appropriation to maintain current
operations of the weed and seed program and expand the
weed and seed program into other areas of the State.

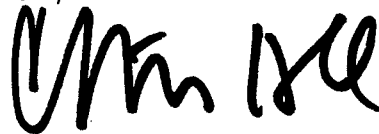


Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of Public Safety; Office of Community Services of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Police Department of the City and County of Honolulu; Waipahu Elementary School; Ilima Intermediate School; Gentry Homes, Ltd.; residents of Kekaulike Courtyards; Empower Oahu; and nine private individuals. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that the weed and seed program takes a comprehensive, collaborative approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization by involving law enforcement, community residents, non-profit organizations, community groups, and private businesses to help reduce crime and improve the quality of life for neighborhoods that have been designated as weed and seed areas. The program works by attempting to "weed" out the criminal element in the community while simultaneously "seeding" the community through the implementation of prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization projects, programs, and activities. This measure maintains these efforts and helps reduce crime and improve the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2773, H.D. 3, 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 Judiciary and
Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 277B HD3	Committee Referral: JDL, WAM	Date: 3/13/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: x-small;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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