

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 518
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 518, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the state rent supplement program for homeless working individuals or families who are ready to rent permanent housing in order to obtain and maintain permanent housing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, and one individual. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that many hardworking individuals and families remain in transitional housing programs because they cannot afford permanent, market-level housing. Providing a rent supplement would allow these individuals and families to transition from these temporary shelters to permanent housing. Moreover, your Committee finds that this approach would, in turn, provide housing opportunities to those individuals and families awaiting intake into transitional shelters.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to include, as an authorized use of the funds appropriated by this measure, the hiring and training of one program specialist to monitor the state rent supplement program and contract for the statewide implementation of the program; and
- (2) Changing the expending agency of the appropriation from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to the Department of Human Services.

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 H.B. No. 518, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 518, H.D. 2, 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-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 518, HD2	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 3/11/13		
<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; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" 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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	/			
GREEN, Josh (VC)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				/
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	3	0	2	2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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