

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2340

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2340 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services, including the Office of Youth Services, to provide outreach services to the homeless.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor, Department of Human Services, Office of Youth Services, Catholic Charities of Hawaii, Rainbow Family 808, Community Health Outreach Work Project, Hale Kipa, Waikiki Health, Hawaii Youth Services Network, LGBT Caucus Democratic Party of Hawaii, PHOCUSED, Family Support Services of West Hawaii, Hawaii Children's Action Network, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Family Programs Hawaii, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has the highest per capita rate of homelessness of any state in the nation. Outreach is a critical part of the coordinated efforts to provide services to this sector of the population, and more strategic outreach is needed to serve the growing percentages of homeless people who are not living in shelter programs. Your Committee finds that unaccompanied homeless youth are among the most vulnerable of the homeless population. National statistics show that 33 percent of teens will be lured into prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home. Your Committee heard and concurs with testimony emphasizing



the importance of outreach to the unaccompanied youth who struggle to get the services they need because of circumstances beyond their control.

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. 2340 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your 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-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">SB 2340</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">HMS, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">2/2/16</div>		
<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 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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
GREEN, Josh	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
THIELEN, Laura H.	X			
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div> </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">GP Riviere</div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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