

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2560
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B.
No. 2560, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address the
mental health of homeless persons.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Requires the Department of Health to provide treatment and care for homeless individuals with serious and persistent mental health challenges that prevent them from obtaining housing and residing successfully in the community; and
- (2) Appropriates \$1,000,000 in general funds to the Department of Health for the provision of mental health care and treatment for homeless individuals.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Department of Community Services of the City and County of Honolulu, and Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition.

Your Committee finds that many homeless individuals suffer from serious and persistent mental health challenges that prevent them from accessing and maintaining permanent housing. Reaching



out to these individuals and providing them with effective mental health treatment and care will help break the cycle of homelessness for many individuals with serious and persistent mental health challenges.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation from \$1,000,000 to an unspecified amount to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2560, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2560, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2560, SD 1	Committee Referral: CPH/HMS, WAM	Date: 8/29/16		
<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-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				/
HARIMOTO, Breene				/
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				/
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	8			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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