STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3003

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2744

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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2744, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority for the state rent supplement program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Catholic Charities Hawaii, and O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the state rent supplement program has proven to be effective in securing and maintaining housing for working individuals, senior or disabled individuals, and families who are homeless. The state rent supplement program provides a relatively shallow, but sustained, rental subsidy to enable vulnerable households or those at imminent risk of homelessness to close the rental affordability gap, maintain housing, and achieve self-sufficiency. This measure provides additional rent supplement subsidies to eligible individuals and families.

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2744, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2744, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Housing,

WILL ESPERO, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Ninth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Housing HOU

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 2744, HD1	Committee HDU,		Dat	e: 3/13/	18
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					
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Chair's or Designee's Signature: Breene Pourt					
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