STAND. COM. REP. NO. 172 -20

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 11 , 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2505

S.D. 2 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2020 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, to which was referred S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require, and appropriate funds for, the Department of Health to repurpose unused state facilities to provide short-term residential beds to allow the stabilization, triage, and assessment of patients in need of services for mental health conditions, substance use, or homelessness.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Department of Health, Honolulu Emergency Services Department, a member of the Hawaii County Council, Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association, The Queen's Health Systems, Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center, Community Alliance on Prisons, Partners in Care, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii, and eleven individuals.

Your Committee finds that short-term stabilization beds are intended to serve individuals with severe mental illness, substance use disorders, or co-occurring disorders. According to testimony provided by the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, short-term stabilization beds are not intended to provide general services for all individuals experiencing homelessness and the target population for stabilization services includes many individuals who are not homeless. Your Committee recognizes that the inclusion of language in this measure specifically related to homelessness may unintentionally narrow the pool of individuals who can be served by short-term stabilization beds.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the provision of short-term residential beds is for the stabilization, triage, and assessment of patients in need of services for mental health conditions and/or substance use, which may include homelessness; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness,

JOY A SAN BUENAVENTURA Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness**

Bill/Resolution No.:  98 2505, SP2	Committee Referral: HSH, FIN	Date:	3/11/20	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HSH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	. (C)			
2. NAKAMURA, Nadine K. (VC)	V		nar sa na 1977 ga 197	end not not comed to the Committee of
3. BELATTI, Della Au	<b>✓</b>			
4. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
5. MIZUNO, John M.				
6. SAY, Calvin K.Y.				
7 TOVIOVA James Vancos				
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane				
8. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (8)	7			
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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