

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 08 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1581
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 1581 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help ensure that homeless service providers are able to administer homeless services in a timely manner by:

- (1) Requiring the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness to collect and maintain a database of private property owners who give prior consent for homeless service providers to enter an owner's private property, for purposes of administering homeless services to a homeless individual located on that private property; and
- (2) Exempting homeless service providers from civil and criminal liability that may result from the administration of homeless services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the National Association of Social Workers - Hawai'i, Hawai'i Psychological Association, Kealahou West Oahu, and Hawai'i Health and Harm Reduction Center. Your Committee received comments on



this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that addressing homelessness in the State requires several approaches, including the timely administration of appropriate housing and human services. Your Committee further finds that if homeless individuals are on private property, a homeless service provider must first obtain permission from the private property owner before entering the property to provide housing and human services. This measure reduces the delay in the provision of services to homeless individuals located on private property by establishing a database of private property owners who have granted prior consent for homeless services providers to enter their property for the administration of homeless services.

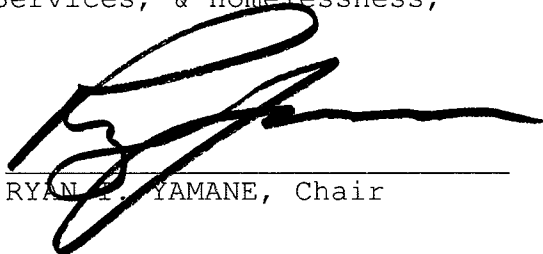
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Limiting the exemption for homeless service providers to an exemption from any civil liability resulting from trespass rather than a broad exemption from civil and criminal liability;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2060, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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 Health, Human Services, & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1581, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1581, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.



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



RYAN P. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1581	Committee Referral: HHH, JHA, FIN	Date: 02/13/2022		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HHH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	✓			
2. TAM, Adrian K. (VC)	✓			
3. GATES, Cedric Asuega				✓
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
7. WARD, Gene				✓
TOTAL (7)	5			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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