Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2022

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RE: H.B. No. 1826

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 Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1826 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Long-Term Rental Assistance Pilot Program for Kupuna to provide long-term rental assistance to individuals who are over sixty-two years of age and are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the Long-Term Rental Assistance Pilot Program, including two full-time equivalent public housing specialist positions within the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Partners In Care, AARP Hawaii, Catholic Charities Hawaii, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Department of Budget and Finance, and Executive Office on Aging.

Your Committee finds that homelessness among Hawaii's kupuna is a central part of the affordable housing needs in the State. The high cost of living in the State, the fixed income and complex health needs of older adults, rapidly rising rents, and the declining availability of affordable housing necessitate rental assistance for older adults.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the age criteria to qualify for participation in the Long-Term Rental Assistance Pilot Program for Kupuna to individuals who are sixty-two years of age or older;
- (2) Making it voluntary for participants under the pilot program to participate in the Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System for homeless services;
- (3) Specifying that the two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) public housing specialist positions are temporary positions;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) 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 Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1826, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1826, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

MULINO X. MAKAMURA, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: Committee HB 1826 HSG	e Referral: FIN	Date:	2/8/20	22_
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)				
HSG Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, committee acronym(s) One Adopted did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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