

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1397  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1397, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide supportive housing and related services that improve the living conditions, employment prospects, and quality of life for vulnerable populations, including those having special needs and lower incomes.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Establishes a supportive housing pilot program within the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to provide and maintain supportive housing and services for individuals and families having special needs and household incomes at or below thirty percent of the area median income;
- (2) Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to collaborate with the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and various state, county, and community agencies to implement the pilot program;



- (3) Requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to implement project-based rent supplement payments to assist project owners in maintaining rental housing units at affordable levels for eligible households;
- (4) Requires the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to administer payments for supportive services, including employment services, to assist participants in the pilot program and to develop an information system for the standardized collection of program data;
- (5) Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to submit joint interim and final reports to the Legislature; and
- (6) Appropriates funds for the implementation of the pilot program, including the establishment of staff positions.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Judiciary, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, State Council on Mental Health, AARP Hawaii, Hawaiian Humane Society, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Pacific Housing Assistance Corporation, Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Hawaii REALTORS, AlohaCare, HOPE Services Hawaii, Partners in Care, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that the supportive housing pilot program established by this measure will help the State to determine the impacts of supportive housing for vulnerable populations and provide urgent housing in the midst of the State's homelessness crisis and ongoing housing shortage.

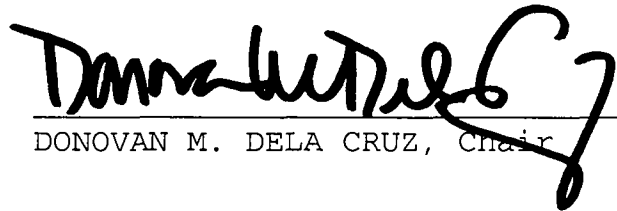


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amounts to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Deleting from the measure's appropriation sections language that would have established one full-time equivalent permanent staff position in each of the following entities: the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; and Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 1397, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1397, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

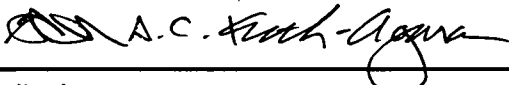
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB1397 HDI SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HOU/HHS, WAM</b>	Date: <b>4/6/23</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn				X
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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