

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

231

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 09 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 224<sup>E</sup>  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 224, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a two-year Public Housing Tenant Upward Mobility Pilot Program to provide public housing tenants with training and work experience necessary to fulfill minimum qualifications for future part-time and full-time employment; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the pilot program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority serves the State's most disadvantaged populations, including families earning less than thirty percent of the area median income, the disabled, and the elderly. Your Committee further finds that some public housing residents lack adequate training or experience to find gainful employment. This measure will empower

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public housing residents by enabling them to learn valuable work skills to enhance their family's wellbeing.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$500,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 224, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 224, H.D. 2, and be referred to your Committee on Housing.

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

  
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JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <i>HB224, HD1 (HSCR21)</i>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <i>HUS, HSG, FIN</i>	<b>Date:</b> <i>02.07.2023</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	✓			
2. AMATO, Terez (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. ILAGAN, Greggor	✓			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
6. TAKENOUCI, Jenna	✓			
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
8. GARCIA, Diamond	✓			
<b>TOTAL (8)</b>	<b>8</b>			
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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