

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2098
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2098, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enable developmentally disabled or mentally retarded individuals the freedom to choose to live in a safe residential setting of their choice provided that they can be sustained with supports, and the supports are attached to that individual.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Disability and Communication Access Board, the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and The Arc of Kauai. The Department of Health submitted testimony supporting the intent of this measure.

Your Committees find that it is important for individuals with developmental disabilities or mental retardation to have community residential alternatives in a setting of their choice. Federal court decisions require states to provide residential options to persons with developmental disabilities.

Your Committees further find that the State Council on Developmental Disabilities is the appropriate agency to engage in systems change activities and provide information and recommendations to the Legislature.



Your Committees have amended this measure by replacing the contents of Section 1 with S.B. No. 2509, Section 1, which are substantively similar, except for technical differences.

Your Committees further amended this measure by changing the reporting agency from the Department of Health to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2098, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2098, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services,

Suzanne Chun Oakland

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair

Rosalyn H. Baker

ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
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Record of Votes of the
Committee on Health
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* <i>HB 2098, HD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HTH/HMS</i>	Date: <i>3/13/06</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <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	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (VC)	✓			
HANABUSA, Colleen				✓
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	✓			
WHALEN, Paul				✓
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>✓</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"><i>Suzanne Chun Oakland</i></div>				
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