

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1277

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1364
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1364, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to broaden participation in the State Rent Supplement Program by removing the statutory limitation on the subsidy amount, which is currently \$160 per month; to increase the income limits for participation to up to seventy per cent of area median income; and to include certain individuals and families on the program's wait list.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Hawaii Family Forum, Partners in Care, Housing Hawaii, and one individual submitted testimony in support of this measure.

Your Committee finds that the State Rent Supplement Program could assist a larger number of households in today's housing market if the statutory limitation on the subsidy amount is removed and the income limit for participation is increased to ninety-five per cent of the area median income.

It is your Committee's intent to allow the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to adjust the subsidy amount to reflect current market conditions. Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Increasing the income limits for participation from fifty per cent of the area median income to ninety-five per cent of area median income;
- (2) Allowing a person living in a transitional shelter who meets the requirements of section 356D-153, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to be considered a "qualified tenant" for purposes of the rent supplement;
- (3) Changing the effective date from January 1, 2020, to January 1, 2008; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1364, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1364, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services and
Public Housing,

Suzanne Chun Oakland
SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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HB 1364 HDZ	HSP, WAM	3/28/07		
<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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)				✓
HOOSER, Gary L.	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	3	-	-	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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