

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 Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1364, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, 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 the eligibility standards for the state Rent Supplement Program.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Removes statutory limitations on rent subsidy amounts;
- (2) Increases program income participation limits from fifty per cent to ninety-five per cent of area median income; and
- (3) Allows certain individuals and families living in transitional shelters to be placed on the program's wait list.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, the Hawaii Family Forum and Roman Catholic Church, and Partners in Care.

Your Committee finds that this measure will ensure that an estimated one hundred fifty households will become eligible for



the state Rent Supplement Program. The measure will also provide assistance to "gap group" families, as well as keep those families already receiving assistance from being terminated because of increased incomes.

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. 1364, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1364 HD2,SD1	HSP,WAM	3/29/07		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.				/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul	/			
TOTAL	9	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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