

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 150
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

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. 150, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to fund various homeless shelters and transitional housing programs and services.

The measure also:

- (1) Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to create an affordable housing inventory registry and to report annually to the Legislature on expenditures from the Rental Housing Trust Fund;
- (2) Increases the percentage of conveyance tax dedicated to the Rental Housing Trust Fund;
- (3) Exempts special purpose revenue bonds that are issued to assist in the development of low- and moderate-income housing projects from the procurement code; and
- (4) Provides funding for various affordable and public housing programs.

Your Committee received comments in support of this measure from the Mayor of Hawaii County, the County of Hawaii Office of



Housing and Community Development, Partners in Care, the Hawaii Association of Realtors, the Hawaii Family Forum and the Roman Catholic Church, Catholic Charities of Hawaii, and a concerned citizen. The Department of Taxation and Housing Hawaii submitted comments with amendments. The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, the Tax Foundation of Hawaii and the Land Use Research Foundation submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that the homeless population in the State numbers approximately six thousand twenty-nine, of whom over four thousand are homeless persons living in unsheltered conditions. Coupled with the homelessness problem is the problem of providing affordable rentals and housing for Hawaii's residents. Many people would not be in homeless shelters if there was an adequate supply of affordable rentals.

This measure addresses the issue of homelessness in Hawaii as well as the lack of affordable housing for Hawaii's residents.

Your Committee has amended the bill by making technical amendments at page 9, lines 16-20 to reflect no funds from the conveyance tax will be going into the general fund.

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. 150, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 150, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

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

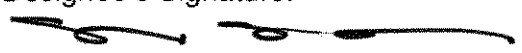


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 150 HD 2, SD1	Committee Referral: HSP/CPH/WAH,WAM	Date: 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 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
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	10	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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