

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

617

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1586

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 S.B. No. 1586 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A WEST HAWAII PERMANENT HOUSING PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish a program in West Hawaii to provide rental housing for the homeless in transition.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Hawaii County Mayor; the Hawaii County Office of Housing and Community Development; Hawaii Family Forum; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; the Office for Social Ministry; Faith Against Drugs, Inc.; and five individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. In addition, your Committee received a petition with over six hundred signatures in support of this measure.

According to the testimony submitted by the Hawaii County Mayor, the county received a parcel of land from a developer that it intends to use for a project called the West Hawaii Transitional Housing and Supportive Services for the Homeless project. The project would provide rental housing for individuals and families who are successfully transitioning through the homeless continuum.

In addition to providing rental housing, the project will provide participants with on-site case management, health and life skills training, employment training, and other necessary

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services. The goal is to provide fifty affordable rental units, four emergency units, office space, meeting rooms for case management and training, laundry facilities, and a common area or gathering place.

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 S.B. No. 1586 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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
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Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services and Public Housing
HSP

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1586	Committee Referral: HSP, WAM	Date: 2-15-07		
<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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes