

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1293

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 20, 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1450  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 1450, 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 bill is to expand participation in the State Rent Supplement Program (Program) by removing the \$160 per month cap on payments, expanding the income limits, and allowing certain individuals living in transitional shelters to be qualified tenants.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Hawaii Family Forum, Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii, and Catholic Charities Hawaii testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the provision allowing certain individuals living in transitional shelters to be qualified tenants;
- (2) Allowing individuals and families living in transitional shelters, who are homeless or on the public housing or Section 8 wait lists, to qualify for the Program wait list;

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- (3) Capping the income limit for Program eligibility at 70 percent of the area median income;
- (4) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1450, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1450, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



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MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair



