

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 12, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2280
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2280 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOMELESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assist the homeless by establishing a voluntary Return-to-Home program within the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (Authority) to provide assistance to eligible homeless persons to reunite with family in their home state.

Several concerned individuals supported this bill. A concerned individual supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Accounting and General Services and several concerned individuals opposed this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance and Department of Land and Natural Resources provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring the Authority to contact family members of program participants to obtain funding to assist with returning them to their home state;
- (2) Clarifying that the Parks for Homeless Special Fund (Special Fund) will receive funds from a portion of the conveyance tax, matched by each of the counties;



- (3) Including provisions that increase the conveyance tax by fifteen percent on homes valued at \$1,200,000 and over to fund the Special Fund; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2280, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2280, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Housing,


RIDA CABANILLA, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

HSCR 460-15

Record of Votes of the Committee on Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2280	Committee Referral: HSG, FIN	Date: 2-10-2010		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HSG Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CABANILLA, Rida (C)	X			
2. CHONG, Pono (VC)	X			
3. CHANG, Jerry L.	X			
4. COFFMAN, Denny	X			
5. HAR, Sharon E.				X
6. HERKES, Robert N.	X			
7. ITO, Ken	X			
8. LEE, Chris	X			
9. LUKE, Sylvia	X			
10. MORITA, Hermina M.	X			
11. SAGUM, Roland D., III		X		
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.		X		
13. THIELEN, Cynthia			X	
TOTAL (13)	9	2	1	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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