

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2010

RE: H.C.R. No. 114
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.C.R. No. 114 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH HOMELESS SAFE ZONES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to assist homeless persons by urging the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to establish homeless safe zones to provide a reasonably safe area for those without permanent housing to spend the night.

Hawaiian Hope, the Waikiki Neighborhood Board, Waianae Community Outreach, and the Representative from the 23rd District testified in support of this concurrent resolution.

Your Committee acknowledges that homelessness has been a long-term problem and that State and City efforts to assist those without permanent shelter have not always been successful. Your Committee believes that the designation of homeless safe zones where homeless persons may stay overnight in a reasonably safe environment represents a solution that may be implemented immediately while more sustainable and long-term solutions are devised.



Your Committee has amended this concurrent resolution by:

- (1) Requesting the City and County of Honolulu to donate land to be used as homeless safe zones; and
- (2) 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 114, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 114, H.D. 1.

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



RIDA CABANILLA, Chair



