

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2222**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2260
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2260 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt from general excise taxes rents received from qualifying nonprofits, government agencies, and certain state-contracted provider agencies that provide homeless transitional shelters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that transition housing provides emergency shelter and support services to homeless families to help them become independent. This measure creates a tax incentive to encourage the provision of more transitional housing.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language to clarify that the nonprofit organization, government agency, or contract agency that intends to claim the exemption is a party to the signed lease or rental agreement on the real property;



- (2) Clarifying the definition of "transitional shelter for homeless persons" to specify that individuals or families may stay at the facility for up to twenty-four months; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2260, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2260, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

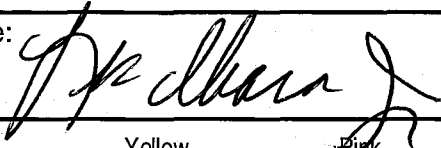
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SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2240	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 2/9/12		
<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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
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