

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2769

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2594
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2594, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide for the safety and well-being of homeless persons and families in Hawaii.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Homeless Programs Office of the Department of Human Services to designate safe areas for homeless persons to reside in until permanent housing becomes available and to establish rules and a code of conduct for the designated safe areas;
- (2) Requires a partnership of the nonprofit and community service organizations and coordination with state and county law enforcement officials for the safety of the persons residing in the designated safe areas; and
- (3) Appropriates moneys for the establishment of designated safe areas.

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by the Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice. Written comments in opposition of this measure were submitted by the



Department of Human Services and Partners in Care Oahu's Coalition of Homeless Providers.

Your Committee finds that homelessness is a problem that is prevalent in this State and that this measure provides homeless persons and families a safe temporary shelter until permanent housing is available.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Codifying the language requiring the Homeless Programs Office to establish designated safe areas as a new statutory section in part XVII of chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Changing the phrase "designated safe areas" to "designated safe facilities"; and the phrase "minimal security" to "adequate security" for clarification purposes;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote the further discussion of this measure; and
- (4) Changing the amount appropriated to an unspecified amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2594, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2594, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2594, SD1	HMS/PGM, WAM	2-28-12 ²⁹		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol		✓		
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	11	1	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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