

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2650
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. 2650 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROMOTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the offense of promoting a controlled substance in, on, or near schools, school vehicles, or public parks to include public housing projects and complexes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority of the Department of Human Services, the Police Department of the City and County of Honolulu, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Molokai Advertiser-News and the Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that there is a cycle of substance abuse and drug trafficking common in public housing projects or complexes. This measure will establish the crime of promoting a controlled substance in, on, or near a public housing project or complex as a class C felony, or, in the case of manufacturing methamphetamine within a certain distance from a public housing project or complex, as a class A felony. These deterrents should significantly improve the ability of the Hawaii Housing Public Authority to ensure a secure, livable community for public housing residents.



Your Committee has amended this measure by including state low-rent public housing programs in the definition of "public housing project or complex".

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. 2650, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2650, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

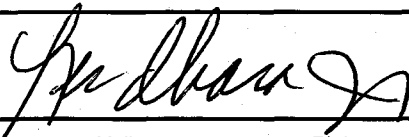
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,

Suzanne Chun Oakland
SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2950	Committee Referral: HMS, JDL	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