

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2804  
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. 2804 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness to be administratively placed within the Department of Human Services; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services for administrative expenses of the Council.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Coordinator on Homelessness, Office of the Governor; the Office of Veterans Services, Department of Defense; the Department of Health; the Department of Human Services; the Office of Housing and Community Development, County of Hawai'i; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; the Hawai'i Association of Realtors; the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; the Hawaii Youth Services Network; the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Partners in Care; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that establishing the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness in the Hawaii Revised Statutes will further enhance the State's ability to provide effective and meaningful approaches and solutions to address homelessness in



Hawaii. Your Committee also finds that having a council membership that represents a wide cross section of the community, including representatives from the government, the business community, the faith-based community, and social services, will provide the necessary perspective and expertise that the interagency council needs to develop overall strategies to prevent and end homelessness.

Your Committee notes that the applicability of the Sunshine Law, chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the interagency council may cause ethical concern.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, or designee, to the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness membership;
- (2) Adding language that excludes the members of the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness from the standards of conduct under chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (3) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$25,000 to be expended by the Department of Human Services for administrative expenses of the Council; and
- (4) 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. 2804, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2804, 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,

*Suzanne Chun Oakland*

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2804</b>	Committee Referral: <b>Hms, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-9-12</b>		
<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				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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