

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 312

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B.  
No. 312 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY SHERIFF DIVISION ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE  
SECURITY AT PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS OPERATED BY THE PUBLIC  
HOUSING AUTHORITY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the  
Hawaii Public Housing Authority to enter into agreements with the  
Department of Public Safety to provide security services to  
protect the residents, staff, buildings, and lands of the  
Authority.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Your Committees  
received comments on this measure from the Department of Public  
Safety.

Your Committees find that when the federal Weed and Seed  
Initiative was in effect at Mayor Wright homes public housing  
complex several years ago, residents saw a significant improvement  
in their neighborhood. However, the conditions in public housing,  
of which Mayor Wright homes public housing complex is one example,  
have since deteriorated. The complex has been the site of  
shootings and disturbances between the tenants and their  
neighbors. In addition, there have been several instances of  
public drunkenness and excessive noise in the complex.

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Your Committees further find that the Department of Public Safety does not currently have the infrastructure or personnel to provide the additional services for security of the residents, staff, buildings, and lands of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. However, the Authority's ability to reimburse the cost of additional deputy sheriff positions and required equipment to provide these services, as proposed in this measure, will allow for this partnership to provide for the safety and security of those in public housing projects.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 312 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Human Services  
and Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military  
Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair





The Senate  
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**Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 312</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS / PSM, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/7/13</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)				✓
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
GREEN, Josh	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Will Espero</div>				
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