

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 91  
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 91, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to reduce homelessness by providing working homeless families and individuals with a means to obtain permanent rental housing.

Specifically, this measure appropriates funds for:

- (1) Rent subsidies for homeless working individuals or families; and
- (2) A program specialist to monitor the state rent supplement program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Partners in Care, Catholic Charities of Hawaii, and two individuals. The Department of Human Services submitted written comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that many employed homeless people do not earn enough money to afford rental housing at market prices. The only housing alternative would appear to be public housing, but the waitlists for public housing are long. Providing a modest



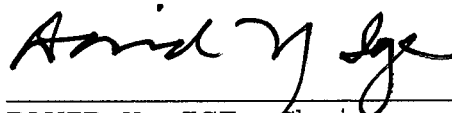
rent subsidy of up to \$300 a month would help hundreds of individuals and families to secure and maintain permanent housing.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the appropriation for the state rent supplement program is to also provide for the administrative costs to operate the program;
- (2) Changing the appropriation for the state rent supplement program to an unspecified amount; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on the measure.

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. 91, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 91, S.D. 2.

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



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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 91, SDI	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 2-22-13		
<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	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
<b>TOTAL</b>	11	1	0	1
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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