

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1725

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 22, 2013

RE: S.C.R. No. 137
S.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 137, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS TO ASSEMBLE A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY INNOVATIVE HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESS NATIVE HAWAIIAN FAMILIES; INVESTIGATE SUITABLE AND AVAILABLE FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND PRIVATE LAND FOR INNOVATIVE HOUSING PROJECTS; AND PREPARE A PLAN TO DEVELOP A DEMONSTRATION HOUSING PROJECT FOR HOMELESS NATIVE HAWAIIAN FAMILIES THAT CAN SERVE AS A MODEL STATEWIDE, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure and intent of this measure is to develop housing solutions for homeless Native Hawaiian families.

More specifically, this measure requests the:

- (1) Coordinator on Homelessness to assemble a working group to develop housing solutions, investigate suitable and available federal, state, county, and private lands for innovative housing projects, and prepare a plan to develop a demonstration housing project for homeless Native Hawaiian families; and




- (2) Working group to report its findings and recommendations To the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and testimony of support from several individuals and organizations.

Your Committee finds that a disproportionate percentage of homeless in the State are Native Hawaiian individuals and families. Innovative housing solutions are necessary to provide these families with stable housing and access to support services to resolve underlying socioeconomic issues.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 137, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Housing,


RIDA T.R. CABANILLA, Chair



