

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

920

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2013

RE: H.B. No. 1188  
H.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1188, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY  
POVERTY REDUCTION TASK FORCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the economic opportunity poverty reduction task force to assess state practices that promote economic opportunity and poverty reduction and develop a plan to expand economic opportunities in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from three individuals.

Your Committee finds that it is in the public interest to improve access to economic and educational opportunities to help families achieve self-sufficiency and financial security while reducing the number of Hawaii residents living in poverty. Middle-class families in Hawaii are increasingly living from paycheck to paycheck, especially in these very difficult economic times.

Your Committee further finds that more states are recognizing that reducing poverty by addressing the needs of low- and moderate-income families is a critical economic development issue. Reducing poverty requires strategic, integrated, and comprehensive approaches that create opportunities for families to achieve economic success, including creating quality jobs, providing work



support, promoting greater collaboration with the private sector, and implementing targeted tax policies.

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 H.B. No. 1188, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

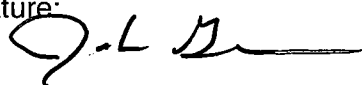


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Human Services**  
**HMS**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 1188, HDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/14/13</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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
GREEN, Josh (VC)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				/
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				/
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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