

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2914

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1539
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1539, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow only original household members to retain a federal housing voucher under the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's housing choice voucher program in order to provide more opportunities for people on the waiting list to receive housing choice vouchers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Community Alliance for Mental Health, Homeless and Affordable Housing Institute, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the housing choice voucher program currently allows individuals who receive a housing voucher to keep the voucher or pass it along to family members or friends even when the original household members no longer live in the household. This measure requires original household members to return their voucher when all original members no longer live in the household in order to prevent family members and friends from inheriting housing vouchers and thereby circumventing the waiting list. However, this measure allows minors who were added to the

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household and who survive the original household member to retain the voucher until the last minor reaches the age of twenty-one. This measure also includes a provision regarding the eligibility status of legal guardians of minor household members.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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 H.B. No. 1539, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1539, H.D. 1, 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, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1539, HD1	HMS, WAM	3-11-14		
<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)	/			
GREEN, M.D., Josh (VC)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				/
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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