

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 21, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1886

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1886, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the State's critical lack of housing for those who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness by appropriating funds for the Housing First Initiative, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care Permanent Supportive Housing Programs, and the Shallow Subsidy Rental Assistance Program to the Department of Human Services.

The Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; Catholic Charities Hawaii; Office for Social Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu; Hawaii Catholic Conference; Partners in Care; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Institute for Human Services, Inc.; PHOCUSED; Community Alliance for Mental Health; and Community Alliance on Prisons testified in support of this measure. The Department of Human Services commented on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1886, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



