

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2224
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 Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2224
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GROUP HOMES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help residents and prospective residents of clean and sober group homes to access a stable, alcohol- and drug-free, home-like living environment in residences that are in compliance with federal, state, and county requirements as well as minimum quality standards, by:

- (1) Establishing a registry for clean and sober homes within the Department of Health;
- (2) Amending the statute on county zoning to better align the functions of state and county jurisdictions to comply with federal law; and
- (3) Excluding clean and sober homes from Chapter 521, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Residential Landlord-Tenant Code.

The Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting, County of Hawaii Planning Department, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and an individual supported this measure.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Should the subsequent committees consider this measure, your Committee respectfully requests them to consider an appropriation amount of \$534,407 for staffing and operating costs to plan, establish, and operate the registry of clean and sober homes.

Your Committee would like to acknowledge the work of the Clean and Sober Homes and Halfway Houses Task Force in examining ways to address housing concerns for individuals transitioning from institutionalization or treatment settings to independent living. This measure is the product of the Task Force's efforts.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2224, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2224, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 2224</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HLT, CPC, FIN</i>	Date: <i>2/5/14</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. MORIKAWA, Dee (VC)	✓			
3. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
4. CREAGAN, Richard	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
7. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
8. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	✓			
9. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
10. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	9			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <i>[Signature]</i>				
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