

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 18 2013

RE: H.B. No. 519
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. 519, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services to continue to administer Housing First programs for chronically homeless individuals in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Catholic Charities Hawaii, the Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, and Waikiki Health Center. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that the Housing First program has proven its success in many states as a way to more effectively address the chronically homeless. The chronically homeless are often the most visible homeless, living in our neighborhoods, doorways, and under bridges. These persons experience homelessness over a long period of time and incur very significant public costs. Housing First assists them in gaining permanent housing and then provides the services needed to keep them in housing and off the streets.

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. 519, 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

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 519, HD 1	HMS, WAM	3/11/13		
<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				✓
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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