

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 21, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2540
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2540, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist low-income and homeless individuals in obtaining affordable rental housing by establishing a rental deposit loan program within the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

The Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Community Alliance for Mental Health, United Self Help, and a concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Housing Hawaii, Inc.; EAH Housing of Hawaii; PHOCUSED; and the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS provided comments on this measure.

Testimony by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation opposed the designation of the Corporation as the administering agency, because the Corporation has no experience in administering contracts under Chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:



- (1) Establishing the rental deposit loan program within the Department of Human Services instead of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation;
- (2) Requiring a two-party contract between the tenant and the nonprofit organization operating the program in order to participate in the program, instead of a three-party contract between the tenant, the nonprofit organization, and the rental property owner; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2540, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2540, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Housing,



MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



MELE CARROLL, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

HSCR 1175-14

Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2540, SD2	Committee Referral: HUS/HSG, FIN	Date: 3/18/14		
<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)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CARROLL, Mele (C)	/			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				/
4. CREAGAN, Richard	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
6. JORDAN, Jo				/
7. MORIKAWA, Dee	/			
8. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	/			
9. WOODSON, Justin H.	/			
10. FUKUMOTO, Beth				/
TOTAL (10)	7			3
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>Bj. Kepahi</i>				
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