

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2098

Honolulu, Hawaii

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

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Human Services and Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B.
No. 2540 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; City
Council, City and County of Honolulu; Hawaii Appleseed Center for
Law and Economic Justice; Housing Hawaii; Community Alliance for
Mental Health; Citizens for Equal Rights; Hawaii Substance Abuse
Coalition; and three individuals. Your Committees received
comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committees find that one of the major barriers
encountered by low income individuals and families who desire to
move or who are residing in transitional or temporary housing and
seek permanent housing is the necessity of paying a security
deposit and first month's rent. This barrier is profound in
Hawaii, as twenty-two percent of the State's families qualify as
working poor. A recent survey found that there are approximately
85,000 households in the State that are two or three paychecks

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away from becoming homeless. In addition, testimony on this measure indicates that many families desire to move closer to work but cannot afford to do so due to the costs of moving. Your Committees find that a rental deposit loan program that assists with payment of security deposits and first month's rent for struggling low income residents will help the State's poor in obtaining adequate and stable permanent rental housing.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending language relating to the administration of the rental deposit loan program so that it no longer requires contracting with counties, and instead requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to contract with nonprofit agencies pursuant to chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair

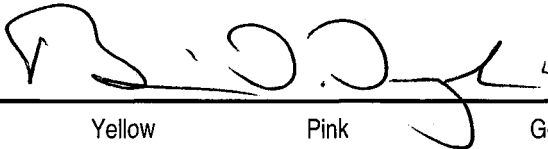


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| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C) | ✓ | | | |
| GREEN, Josh (VC) | | | | ✓ |
| KIDANI, Michelle N. | ✓ | | | |
| TANIGUCHI, Brian T. | ✓ | | | |
| SLOM, Sam | | | | ✓ |
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| ESPERO, Will (C) | ✓ | | | |
| BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| GALUTERIA, Brickwood | | | | ✓ |
| GREEN, Josh | ✓ | | | |
| SLOM, Sam | | | | ✓ |
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