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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 60

S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 60, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC
HOUSING AUTHORITY TO INITIATE THE SPONSORSHIP PROCESS FOR THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
"STEP-UP" PROGRAM TO PROVIDE NEW EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS AND OTHER LOW-INCOME
PEOPLE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Hawaii
Public Housing Authority to initiate the sponsorship process for
the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
"Step-Up" program to provide new employment and training programs
for public housing residents and other low-income people.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from one individual. The Hawaii Public Housing Authority
submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that "Step-Up" is a national program
developed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban
Development in cooperation with the United States Department of
Labor and the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment
Offices to provide jobs and job training opportunities on
Department of Housing and Urban Development assisted construction
to residents of public housing and other low-income people.
Public housing authorities are authorized to sponsor "Step-Up"

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programs, which entails organizing and administering all components of the program, and are encouraged to work with local training providers, such as non-profits, who know and administer workforce development and job training programs.

Your Committee further finds that "Step-Up" participants can earn wages that are excluded from income for rent determination purposes. This measure will enable the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, through the "Step-Up" program, to provide real economic opportunities and upward wage earning potential, thus enabling participants to graduate from public housing to other permanent, unsubsidized housing options, which in turn frees up units for those on waiting lists.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 60, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 60, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



