

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1773
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1773, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services to:

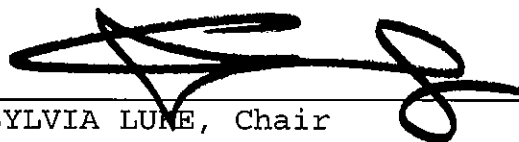
- (1) Continue to administer Housing First Programs for chronically homeless individuals; and
- (2) Support the Shallow Rent Subsidy Program to assist homeless working individuals and families in obtaining or maintaining permanent housing, and cover housing stabilization services and administrative costs to operate the program.

The County of Maui Department of Housing and Human Concerns, a Hawaii County Council Member, Kauai Community Alliance, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Helping Hands Hawaii, Hawaii Children's Action Network, Partners in Care, Mental Health America of Hawaii, Catholic Charities Hawaii, PHOCUSED, Community Health Outreach Work Project and a few individuals provided testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Human Services and the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness provided comments.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1773, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



SYLVIA LURIE, Chair



