

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 18, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2647
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 Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 2647, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist homeless individuals in finding jobs by:

- (1) Requiring the City and County of Honolulu to establish a pilot program that connects homeless individuals willing to work with job opportunities; and
- (2) Appropriating funds to the City and County of Honolulu to establish the pilot program.

IMUAlliance and several individuals testified in support of this measure. The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO, provided comments.

Your Committee notes that concerns were raised regarding the homeless population on the island of Hawaii. Specifically, questions were raised regarding the limitation of this measure to the City and County of Honolulu. Should the Committee on Finance choose to deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider expanding the program statewide.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2647, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



