

Honolulu, Hawaii  
March 22, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2560  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2560, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the mental health of homeless persons by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Health to provide treatment and care for homeless individuals to enable them to reside in a permanent dwelling unit or homeless facility;
- (2) Expanding the Director of Health's authority to include contracting with any individual for outreach services, with a priority for outreach services for the homeless;
- (3) Including becoming homeless by reason of serious and persistent mental health challenges as a factor in applying for community residential treatment system services; and
- (4) Appropriating funds to provide treatment and care for homeless individuals with serious and persistent mental health challenges to enable them to reside in a permanent dwelling unit or homeless facility.



The Department of Health, Hawaii Disability Rights Center, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses, The Salvation Army Addiction Treatment Services and Family Treatment Services, PAIMI and Waipahu Aloha Clubhouse, and a few individuals testified in support of this measure. The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness commented on this measure.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the requirement that the Department of Health provide treatment and care for homeless individuals to enable them to reside in a permanent dwelling unit or homeless facility refers specifically to homeless individuals with serious and persistent mental health challenges;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2112, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2560, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2560, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



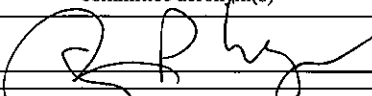
DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2560, SD2	Committee Referral: HLT/HVS, FIN	Date: 3/16/16		
<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)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. CREAGAN, Richard P. (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
4. JORDAN, Jo	✓			
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	✓			
8. FUKUMOTO CHANG, Beth	✓			
9. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				✓
TOTAL (9)	8			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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