

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1098  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1098, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESS SHELTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to enhance the functioning of the State's homeless emergency shelters.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Amends Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, to permit, rather than require, emergency shelters to have partitioned space for homeless persons or families and allows differences in partition specifications among emergency shelters to be determined by the Department of Human Services;
- (2) Delays the requirement that contracts between the Department and emergency or transitional shelter provider agencies comply with Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, by one year, so that the requirement applies to contracts that take effect after June 30, 2018; and



- (3) Delays the effective date of Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, by one year, to July 1, 2018.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, the Department of Human Services, and Catholic Charities Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, established minimum requirements for every homeless emergency shelter operated by a provider agency under contract with the Department of Human Services, in order to make more emergency shelter space available in a cost-effective manner. At the same time, your Committee recognizes that emergency shelters in rural and urban communities have distinct differences and needs. Your Committee finds that the Department of Human Services would benefit by having more time to determine how to bring these shelters with diverse needs into compliance with the requirements of Act 234.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1098, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

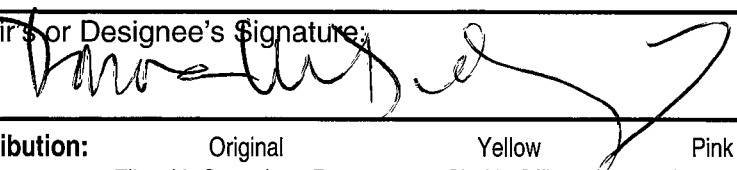
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1098, HD2, SD1	HMS/HOU, WAM	4/3/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	11			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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