

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 83  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 83 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Governor to establish puuhonua safe zones where homeless persons may reside in the State.

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii; Ho'omana Pono, LLC.; Hawaii Kai Homeless Task Force; and three individuals testified in support of this measure. The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Department of Human Services (DHS), and an individual opposed this measure. The Department of the Attorney General commented on this measure.

Upon careful consideration, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Giving DHS and not the Governor, the authority to establish puuhonua safe zones;
- (2) Deleting the provision requiring the Land Use Commission to designate puuhonua safe zones;

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- (3) Providing that the State shall not be liable for any loss, damage, injury, or death arising from or occurring in a puuhonua safe zone;
- (4) Making DHS the expending agency for the appropriation;
- (5) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2075, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 83, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 83, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services,



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DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



