

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1082

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2017

RE: H.B. No. 83
H.D. 1
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 Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 83, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow the Department of Human Services to establish puuhonua safe zones where homeless persons may reside; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for establishing puuhonua safe zones.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, League of Women Voters of Hawaii, and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from The Institute for Human Services and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Department of Human Services, and Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that due to economic constraints, the supply of subsidized housing is, and will continue to be, woefully insufficient for the foreseeable future. Consequently, illegal



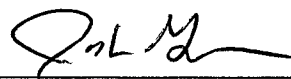
homeless camps, which are a public health menace, are ubiquitous. The State must therefore explore the establishment of alternative housing options that will ensure that homeless individuals are housed and receive much needed support services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting language that:

- (1) Requires the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness, in conjunction with and the advisement of the Department of Human Services and Department of Land and Natural Resources, to establish a working group to examine and develop recommendations related to the establishment of safe zones for persons experiencing homelessness;
- (2) Specifies various issues that the working group shall take into consideration;
- (3) Requires the working group to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and
- (4) Appropriates funds to support the activities of the working group.

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, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 83, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Labor and Ways and Means.

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

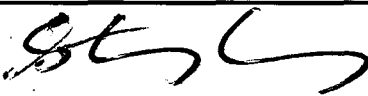


JOSH GREEN, Chair



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HB 83 HD1	HMS, JDL/WAM	3/22/2017		
<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
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓		✓	
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
TOTAL	2		1	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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