

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1223  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 1223 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds for establishing, staffing, and operating two mobile clinics to serve the homeless population;
- (2) Appropriate funds for establishing three specialty shelters to temporarily house and serve homeless individuals;
- (3) Appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services to study the impact and feasibility of creating an integrated database of certain information related to homeless individuals for providers of homeless services;
- (4) Require the Governor to establish puuhonua safe zones where homeless persons may reside and appropriate funds for such purposes;
- (5) Appropriate funds for homeless outreach services and storage of homeless people's property;



- (6) Appropriate funds for outreach services to homeless persons with serious and persistent mental illness;
- (7) Appropriate funds for services for homeless persons experiencing substance abuse; and
- (8) Appropriate funds to assist the Department of Transportation with homelessness-related issues pertaining to security, health, and safety.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Youth Services Network, Hawaii Kai Homeless Task Force, IMUAlliance, Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and three individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services, Department of the Attorney General, Department of Health, and Honolulu Police Department.

Your Committees find that homelessness continues to be one of the State's most significant and challenging social problems. Homeless persons face a myriad of issues, including general health issues, mental illness, and substance abuse. These issues affecting homeless persons also impact the general population through the costs of social and health care services. Because homelessness is a complex issue, continuous resources and coordinated efforts at all levels are critical to ensuring that the most vulnerable individuals are receiving the support services they need.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the responsibilities for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of puuhonua safe zones are placed under the Department of Human Services instead of the Office of the Governor;
- (2) Inserting language that waives the State's liability for any loss, damage, injury, or death in a puuhonua safe zone; and
- (3) Specifying that the Department of Human Services is the expending agency, rather than the Office of the Governor, for appropriated funds for the establishment of puuhonua safe zones.



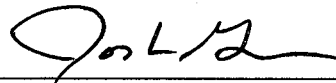
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1223, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1223, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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WILL ESPERO, Chair




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JOSH GREEN, Chair



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<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	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)	✓			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.		✓		
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>

Recommendation:     
 Adopted     
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  
*Breene Harit*

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