

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

886

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 964
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 S.B. No. 964, 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 provide the Department of Human Services with more flexibility in sheltering the homeless.

Specifically, the measure amends Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, to provide the Department of Human Services with the discretion to determine partition space requirements for emergency homeless shelters with which the Department contracts for shelter services for homeless persons.

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

Your Committee finds that the Legislature enacted Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, to make the homeless shelter system more cost effective and more appealing to homeless families and individuals to enter shelters. Your Committee believes that homeless families and individuals cannot be forced into shelters, but must be provided with enough security, privacy, and sanitation facilities to encourage voluntary access. Your Committee also



notes that Act 234 requires homeless shelter providers to comply with other standards, such as performance metrics. The administration apparently feels that homeless shelter providers need more time to transition into the new standards. Accordingly, your Committee finds that providing the Department with flexibility in determining which shelters will have partitioned spaces and more time to comply with Act 234 will allow the Department to more effectively address the problem of homelessness in the State.

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 S.B. No. 964, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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




JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 964, SD1	HMS, WAM	2/23/17
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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	.	/
TOTAL	9	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 		
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