

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1170

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 56
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.C.R. No. 56 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF USING MEDICAID FUNDS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT FOR HOMELESSNESS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the Auditor conduct a study to assess the impact of using Medicaid funds to provide coverage for the treatment for homelessness.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and Department of Human Services.

Your Committees find that there is an integral link between health and housing, especially for individuals who are chronically homeless. Without housing, individuals often struggle to address their health conditions, while people who are unable to address their health challenges often struggle to obtain and retain housing. Furthermore, the costs to the entire continuum of care, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, and home-based services, for treating the State's homeless population continue to increase. Your Committees also find that ensuring the availability of quality health care and preventive services can



successfully mitigate increased future demand for high cost medical services. Directing the Auditor to perform an impact assessment study on the use of Medicaid funds to provide coverage for the treatment for homelessness is the necessary next step in a potentially transformative approach for the treatment for homelessness in Hawaii.

Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting directive language that requests the Auditor, when conducting the study, to take into consideration certain services to be included under coverage for treatment for homelessness.

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 concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 56, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 56, S.D. 1.

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



WILL ESPERO, Chair



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