

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2694  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2694, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FEES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Health to furnish, free of charge, certified copies of birth certificates for individuals who are homeless.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Domestic Violence Action Center, and Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator of Homelessness, Department of Human Services, and Department of Health.

Your Committees find that many homeless individuals who struggle with housing insecurity or re-entry after incarceration are often faced with barriers when acquiring identification documents, such as not having sufficient funds to obtain such documentation. Your Committees further find that identification documents such as birth certificates are often necessary to obtain a driver's license, apply for a job, and establish eligibility for certain public benefits and services. This measure will allow



homeless individuals to request and receive certified copies of their birth certificate for no cost.

Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting a sunset date of June 30, 2021.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2694, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2694, H.D. 1, 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 Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair




JOSH GREEN, Chair





The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
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**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**  
**CPH**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2694 HD1	AMS / CPH, WAM	3/15/18		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	—			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	—			
CHANG, Stanley				—
ESPERO, Will	—			
IHARA, Jr., Les	—			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				—
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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