

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2431

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2501
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 Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2501 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require and appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services to establish safe zones where homeless persons may reside.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from IMUAlliance and Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and one individual.

Your Committees find that safe zones are one of several housing alternatives that policymakers, in conjunction with communities in the State, are exploring to address homelessness in Hawaii. Your Committees further find that due to economic constraints and the uncertain construction timelines for new housing units, homeless individuals and families still need other housing options. In addition, some individuals and families may choose to live on the street or in public spaces and refuse outreach and other services provided to them. Your Committees



recognize that safe zones may provide an alternative for these individuals and families.

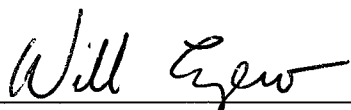
Your Committees encourage the Department of Human Services to establish interim rules to expedite the process of establishing safe zones throughout the State, should this measure be enacted.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Including domes among the types of facilities or dwelling units that may be permitted within safe zones;
- (2) Inserting a sunset date of June 30, 2028; and
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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. 2501, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2501, 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,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



JOSH GREEN, Chair



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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
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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ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)			✓	
GREEN, Josh	✓			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				✓
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				✓
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Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Breene Harimoto</i>				
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