

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

759

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 2
S.D. 2

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. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from The Queen's Health Systems, the Institute for Human Services, Hawaii Association for Behavioral Analysis, and three individuals.

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

Your Committee finds that there is an integral link between health and housing, especially for individuals who are chronically homeless. Individuals without housing often struggle to address their health needs, while those who are unable to address their health needs often struggle to obtain and retain housing. Your Committee further finds that the cost of caring for and treating the State's homeless population, including spending on hospitals,



long-term care facilities, and home-based services, continues to rise. Your Committee recognizes that ensuring the availability of quality health care and preventative services can successfully mitigate increased future demand for high-cost medical services. Your Committee finds that a study by the Auditor is a necessary next step in a potentially transformative approach for treating the homeless population in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating an unspecified sum of general funds for fiscal year 2017-2018, that is to be matched with federal funds, to cover the costs of the study; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2, S.D. 2.

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

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2, SDI	Committee Referral: CPH/HMS, WAM	Date: 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 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
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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