

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1

Honolulu, Hawaii

JAN 27 2017

RE: S.B. No. 4  
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 Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 4 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services to reimburse non-profit entities that provide housing assistance services to the homeless population.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from IMUAlliance, Hawaii Youth Services Network, and Young Progressives Demanding Action. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that the chronically homeless are often the most visible homeless, living in neighborhoods, doorways, and under bridges. These persons experience homelessness over a long period of time and incur very significant public costs. Providing resources to programs that provide housing assistance, like the housing first program, can result in chronically homeless persons obtaining permanent housing and services they may need to keep them in housing and off the streets.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

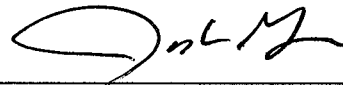


- (1) Adjusting the appropriation amount from \$25,000,000 to \$10,000,000; and
- (2) Specifying that the appropriation shall instead be used to reimburse housing first program providers that provide housing assistance services to the homeless population.

Your Committee on Human Services notes that the amendments made to this measure may require the measure to additionally be referred to your Committee on Housing.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 4, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 4, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services,



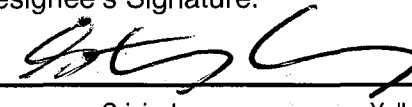
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JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Human Services**  
**HMS**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 4</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS, WAM</b>	Date: <b>1/23/17</b>		
<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				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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