

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 749

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.B. No. 749 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Department of Human Services to:

- (1) Use twenty percent of its annual Medicaid budget for housing-related services and other permanent supportive services for homeless individuals with mental illness or substance use disorders; and
- (2) Seek a section 1115 waiver and other approvals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to use Medicaid funds to assist homeless individuals with mental illness or substance use disorders.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Ho'omana Pono, LLC, and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Human Services. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness.

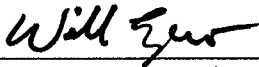
Your Committees find that homelessness continues to be one of the State's most significant and challenging social problems. Homeless persons face a myriad of issues, including general health issues, mental illness, and substance abuse. By allocating resources for housing-related services and other supportive



services for homeless individuals with serious health care needs, homeless individuals will be able to obtain health care in a timely manner and lessen the impact they have on the general population through the costs of social and health care services.

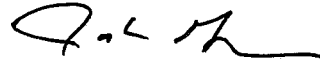
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 749 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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WILL ESPERO, Chair



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JOSH GREEN, Chair



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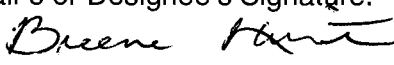
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**Committee on Human Services**  
**HMS**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 749</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS / HOU, WAM</b>	Date: <b>11/30/17</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Pass, unamended</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pass, with amendments</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hold</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Recommit</b> <small>2312                                  2311                                  2310                                  2313</small>				
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"/> <b>Adopted</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not Adopted</b>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 749</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HMS/HOU, WALL</b>	Date: <b>1/30/17</b>		
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The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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.	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
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