

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 25 , 2019

RE: H.B. No. 257
H.D. 2
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 257, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the use of private lands for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program, subject to certain conditions;
- (2) Extend the sunset date for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program to June 30, 2023, or three years from the contract execution date, whichever is later; and
- (3) Extend the Emergency Department Homelessness Assessment Pilot Program and the Medical Respite Pilot Program to June 30, 2020.



Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the requirement that:
 - (A) Private lands have existing infrastructure prior to being used as an ohana zone; and
 - (B) The written agreement between the private land owner and a state or county department include a statement that any structure built with public funds shall be used for the purpose for which it was built for within a time period of at least five years, or by the end of the Ohana Zones Pilot Program, whichever is sooner;
- (2) Authorizing, rather than requiring, the Ohana Zones Pilot Program to allow for off-the-grid technologies that can provide drinking water, electricity, and process sewage without existing infrastructure;
- (3) Reinstating the requirement that agencies designated for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program establish, no later than December 31, 2018, certain requirements of the Program;
- (4) Amending the deadlines for the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness to report to the Legislature with compiled and consolidated information from the agencies designated by the Governor on the Ohana Zones Pilot Program to twenty days prior to the Regular Sessions of 2020, 2021, and 2022;
- (5) Removing the provision which allowed for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program to sunset three years from its contract execution date;
- (6) Inserting a general fund appropriation of \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2019-2020 to be expended by the Office of the Governor and used solely for the construction of modular temporary units or facilities, the renovation of existing structures on public lands, or the creation of infrastructure to make land suitable for temporary housing under the Ohana Zones Pilot Program; provided that the Governor transfer the expenditure authority to designated executive branch departments or agencies within a reasonable time;




- (7) Changing its effective date to June 29, 2019; and
- (8) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 257, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 257, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.


Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE


ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE




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