

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

575

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1554  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 1554 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OPERATING BUDGET,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide funding for the operations of the Department of Human Services for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

The Department of Human Services, Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, Partners in Care, and an individual supported this measure. The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the amount appropriated for HMS 224;
- (2) Appropriating funds to specific programs within HMS 224 as follows:
  - (A) \$3,750,000 each for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 for the Housing First Program;

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- (B) \$3,750,000 each for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 for Rapid Rehousing;
  - (C) \$1,550,000 each for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 for a Family Assessment Center; and
  - (D) \$1,750,000 each for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 for homeless outreach and civil legal services;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation of \$1,097,808 for fiscal year 2019-2020 and \$952,743 for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the Rent Supplement Program in HMS 222; and
  - (3) Replacing the amounts appropriated and positions for HMS 501, HMS 503, HMS 802, and HMS 888 with \$0.

Your Committee on Human Services and Homelessness notes that it is the Committee's intent to fully fund the Department of Human Services request for Homelessness Resources referred to under the Program ID HMS 224 for \$15,800,000 but to ensure transparency, the budget line-item requests are inserted and it is expected that matching federal funds will fund the remaining difference.

Your Committee further notes its reasons for certain Program IDs being changed to \$0 as follows:

- (1) HMS 501 - In-Community Youth Programs: The amounts in this measure;

HMS501 - IN-COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAMS			
		1.50*	1.50*
		-0.50#	-0.50#
OPERATING	HMS	1,131,416A	1,131,416A
		0.50*	0.50*
		-2.50#	-2.50#
	HMS	-115,803N	-115,803N

differ significantly from those in the line-item budget add-on of \$450,000 each for the two successive fiscal years and testimony refers to programs funded by other means.

- (2) HMS 888 - Commission on Status of Women: The add-on for the Commission on the Status of Women's request is \$15,300,000 and is addressed in H.B. No. 1355, which was



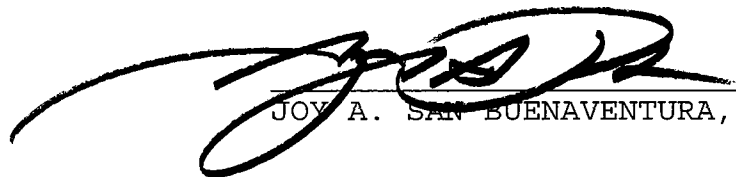
passed by the Committee on Judiciary with a higher appropriation amount; and

- (3) HMS 503 - Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility: For campus, sewer, water improvements, and gym repair, a total of \$2,525,000; and  
HMS 802 - Vocational Rehabilitation: The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's Hoopono Flood remediation of \$811,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021, are capital improvement project requests and are being addressed in H.B. No. 1258.

Furthermore, it is the Committee's intent that the operating budget of the Department of Human Services be fully funded under H.B. No. 2 H.D. 1 and that the Department will seek matching federal funding where appropriate.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1554, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1554, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

  
JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



