

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2117
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2117, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a three-year homeless employment grant program within the Department of Human Services that:
 - (A) Seeks out homeless individuals throughout the State to participate in the program, with a focus on those who have yet to receive services;
 - (B) Assists homeless individuals by providing them temporary jobs in public service; and
 - (C) Connects homeless individuals with service providers; and
- (2) Require the Department of Human Services to examine the effectiveness, progress, and success of employment programs that target homeless young adults and youth within the Department, including those within the Homeless Programs Office and Office of Youth Services.



Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Youth Services Network and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, and Hope Services Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that despite increased efforts and resources to reduce homelessness in Hawaii, it has remained a significant issue. Pilot programs throughout the country provide homeless individuals with temporary work while also creating avenues for access to services these individuals need. This measure will provide work opportunities and connections to essential services for those in need.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2117, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

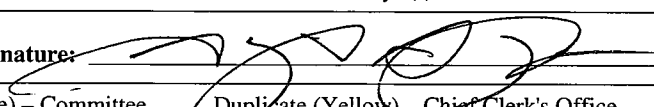
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2117 HD1	Committee Referral: HSH, JUD, FIN	Date: 2/12/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LEE, Chris (C)	/			
2. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (VC)	/			
3. BROWER, Tom	/			
4. CREAGAN, Richard P.	/			
5. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
6. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	/			
7. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	/			
8. PERRUSO, Amy A.	/			
9. SAY, Calvin K.Y.		/		
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
12. THIELEN, Cynthia	/			
TOTAL (12)	11	1		
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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