

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1031
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 1031 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to;

- (1) Establish a long-term rental assistance pilot program to be administered by the Department of Health; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the administration of the pilot program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawaii Kai Homeless Task Force; Hawaii Island HIV/AIDS Foundation; Our Revolution Hawaii; HOPE Services Hawaii, Inc.; Partners In Care; O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and three individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness.

Your Committees find that homelessness is one of the most pressing problems in Hawaii, which requires a robust, comprehensive, long-term solution to address Hawaii's affordable housing and homelessness crisis. High housing costs continues to



drive more and more Hawaii residents into homelessness and now Hawaii has the highest homelessness rate in the nation.

Your Committees further find that one important component of the solution is ensuring that low-income elderly individuals are not forced into homelessness through a combination of fixed incomes and rapidly rising rents. Hawaii must prioritize programs that are the most cost-effective and target the most vulnerable populations, such as the State's elders. Many elderly individuals have a fixed income and may find themselves at imminent risk of homelessness if faced with unexpected hardship. This measure establishes a long-term rental assistance pilot program, which will provide a combination of rental assistance and case management to assist participants in obtaining and maintaining housing.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Health to enter into a memoranda of agreement with the counties to implement this measure;
- (2) Requiring the long-term assistance pilot program to participate in the Continuum of Care's Coordinated Entry System for homeless services;
- (3) Requiring the provider of the long-term assistance pilot program to input data into the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Homeless Management Information System;
- (4) Requiring an annual report to the Legislature from the Department of Health regarding the long-term rental assistance pilot program, to no later than one month prior to the convening of the regular sessions of 2020, 2021, and 2022;
- (5) Specifying a June 30, 2022, sunset date for the long-term assistance pilot program; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.



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. 1031, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1031, S.D. 1, 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,


STANLEY CHANG, Chair


RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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| Bill / Resolution No.:* | Committee Referral: | Date: | | |
| SB1031 | HMS/HOU, WAM | 2/13/2019 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____ | | | | |
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| <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 |
| RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| RHOADS, Karl (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| IHARA, Jr., Les | ✓ | | | |
| RIVIERE, Gil | ✓ | | | |
| FEVELLA, Kurt | | | | ✓ |
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| Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i> | | | | |
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