

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2907

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2893  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,  
to which was referred S.B. No. 2893, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHRONICALLY HOMELESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the  
State's definition of "chronically homeless" to better align with  
the federal definition and improve the delivery and development of  
homeless services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Coordinator on Homelessness under the Office of the  
Governor and one individual. Your Committee received comments on  
this measure from the Department of Human Services.

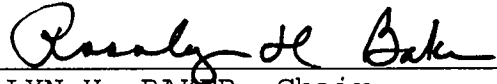
Your Committee finds that in 2015, the United States  
Department of Housing and Urban Development issued its definition  
of "chronically homeless". Amending the State's definition of  
"chronically homeless" to better align with the federal agency's  
definition will allow more flexibility, efficiency, and  
consistency in the delivery of homeless services, ensuring that  
homeless individuals with the highest level of need in the  
community are able to receive appropriate services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is



attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2893, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health,



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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



