

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1029

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2019

RE: S.B. No. 526
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 526, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services to purchase, staff, and operate two mobile clinics to serve homeless people.

The measure also requires the Department of Human Services to obtain matching funds and allocates one mobile clinic to the County of Hawaii.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Mayor of the County of Hawaii, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Psychological Association, and three individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness.

Your Committee finds that, without access to routine health care, many homeless individuals seek treatment at hospital emergency rooms for a variety of physical and mental conditions. These visits cost the State's hospitals millions of dollars



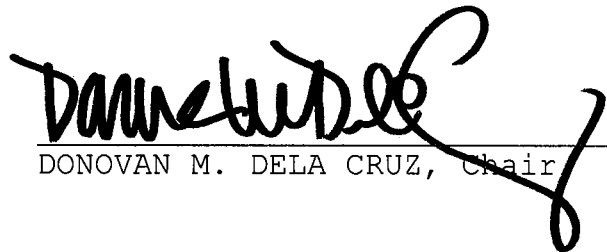
annually in uncompensated billing. Your Committee recognizes that other states that use mobile clinics have seen significant cost savings when compared to emergency room visits. One estimate found that every dollar spent on mobile clinics saved twelve dollars in other health care costs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation from an unspecified amount to \$400,000 for each fiscal year in the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 526, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 526, S.D. 2.

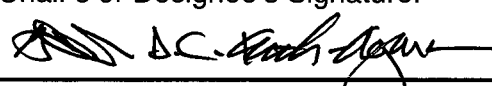
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB526, SD1	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 2/20/19		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene				X
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil				X
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	11			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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