

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 609-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2326  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Housing and Health & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 2326 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OHANA ZONES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Governor for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; one member of the Maui County Council; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; and Hawai'i True Cost Coalition.

Your Committees find that the Ohana Zones Pilot Program is an essential innovative approach that serves and houses people experiencing homelessness and fills gaps in homeless housing and services that cannot be done with other sources of funding. Your Committees further find that those residing in an ohana zone would benefit from mobile clinics that provide health care services, such as mental health care or dental care. Mobile clinics are a key way to provide a range of health care services to underserved populations and can reduce emergency room visits, and the associated financial burden, significantly. Your Committees believe that providing for mobile clinics for individuals residing in an ohana zone can build on the success of the Ohana Zone Pilot

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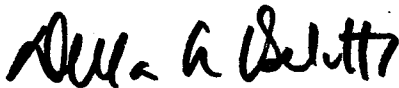
Program by providing much needed health care services across ohana zones in the State.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting contents that:
  - (A) Explain the purpose and legislative findings of the measure;
  - (B) Require, and appropriate funds for, the Department of Human Services to purchase, staff, and operate two mobile clinics to serve homeless persons residing in ohana zones;
- (2) Deleting the appropriation for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Health & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2326, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2326, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Housing and  
Health & Homelessness,



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



LUKE A. EVSLIN, Chair





