

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1131
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committees on Human Services & Homelessness and Health,
to which was referred H.B. No. 1131 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AN INTENSIVE MOBILE TEAM PILOT
PROGRAM FOR HOUSELESS INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS
BRAIN DISORDERS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate
funds for a pilot program in the Department of Health to provide
intensive mobile treatment-type services to chronically houseless
individuals suffering from serious brain disorders, including but
not limited to schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health; Hawai'i Primary Care Association;
Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hawaii Substance Abuse
Coalition; Hawaii Medical Association; and two individuals.

Your Committees find that houseless individuals with serious
brain disorders may resist services due to co-morbid medical
conditions or a lack of trust in those seeking to assist them. It
is therefore critical to provide outreach services for these
individuals by building engagement, rapport, and trust using
highly specialized skills and training. This measure provides
intensive mobile treatment-type services to chronically houseless

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individuals suffering from serious brain disorders, including schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder. These services are intended to decrease morbidity and mortality amongst these individuals, while also saving the community money through decreased hospitalizations, decreased law enforcement encounters, and decreased incarcerations.

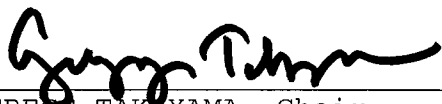
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the pilot program shall manage at least forty participants, rather than cap the number of participants at forty;
- (2) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (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.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,300,000.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services & Homelessness and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1131, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1131, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



LISA MARTEN, Chair



