

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 166

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 166
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CLEAN AND SOBER HOME AND
HALFWAY HOUSE TASK FORCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a task
force within the Department of Health to regulate clean and sober
homes and halfway houses to ensure that Hawaii's residents have
access to these facilities and that they are operated in a way
that works for the surrounding communities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Ku Aloha Ola Mau,
Makana O Ke Akua Inc., Oxford House Inc. - Hawaii, and one private
citizen. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that clean and sober homes and halfway
houses are an integral step in the treatment of individuals who
have been recently released from incarceration and are dealing
with substance abuse issues. Your Committee further finds that
more regulation of clean and sober homes is necessary to best
serve both clean and sober homes' clients and the residents
residing in the near vicinity of these facilities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your
Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 166



and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



