

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2031

Honolulu, Hawaii

JAN 31 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2267

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 2267 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide funding for micro apartment housing units.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Blueprint for Change, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Community Alliance for Mental Health, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that there is a housing crisis in Hawaii and that affordable housing is a serious concern for many residents. According to a 2011 Hawaii Housing Planning Study, up to 50,000 new housing units will need to be built by 2016 to meet the new demand generated by changing demographics and economic conditions. This measure addresses the housing crisis by authorizing funds for the development of micro apartment housing units. Micro apartments can address the permanent housing needs of very low income households at a more efficient cost, as the per unit construction cost is about \$150,000 as opposed to the average rental unit that costs \$300,000 to construct. Your Committee received testimony indicating that micro apartment housing units can help Hawaii's efforts to end homelessness as well. Eighty-one percent of households experiencing homelessness are single



individuals, and micro apartments are popular for Housing First programs, which are evidence-based practices that provide permanent housing and support services to people who have been chronically homeless.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2267 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 Human Services,


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2267	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: JAN 27, 2014		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	/			
GREEN, Josh (VC)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				/
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes