

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2019
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 2019, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Human Services to establish a three-year homeless employment grant program to connect homeless individuals with work opportunities and service providers; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the homeless employment grant program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Hawaii Youth Services Action Network, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and six individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and State Procurement Office.

Your Committees find that despite increased efforts and resources to reduce homelessness in the State, homelessness still remains a significant issue and service providers often have



difficulty assisting homeless individuals and identifying the services they need. Some service providers in the State have successfully assisted homeless individuals with finding temporary work, but only in certain areas and communities. Establishing a homeless employment grant program will allow homeless individuals to increase their self-esteem and gain valuable work experience that will help them progress to being self-sufficient, while at the same time allow them to contribute to their community.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Delaying the implementation of the homeless employment grant program to July 1, 2020, to allow the Department of Human Services to develop a plan for the grant program; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2019, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2019, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Human Services
and Labor,



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair

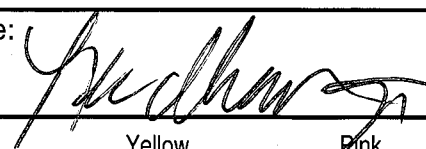


JOSH GREEN, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB2019, HD1	HMS/LBR, WAM	3/14/18		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				✓
CHANG, Stanley				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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