

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1772
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1772 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the Department of Health's Senior Fall Prevention Campaign.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging; Disability and Communication Access Board; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; and AARP Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that fall-related injuries disproportionately affect the elderly, and injuries from falling take an emotional, financial, and physical toll on the elderly individual and their family. Your Committee further finds that many falls are preventable. Educating the public about fall prevention is a key component in the State's public health campaign to reduce injuries, health care costs, stress, and anxiety amongst Hawaii's elder population.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$100,000.

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 H.B. No. 1772, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1772, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,



LISA MARTEN, Chair



