

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1523

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1099
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1099, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to decrease payment error rates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Specifically, this measure makes an emergency appropriation to the Department of Human Services to support the ongoing development of a new eligibility system that will reduce payment error rates.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Hawaii Food Industry Association, Hawaii Farmers Union, Hawaii Primary Care Association, Purple Maia Foundation, Catholic Charities Hawai'i, and Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!.

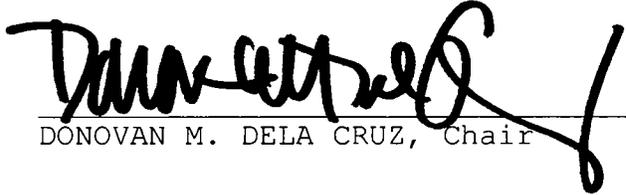
Your Committee finds that the State recently incurred a financial penalty from the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service due to a payment error rate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that exceeded the national average for two consecutive federal fiscal years. In lieu of paying the total penalty, the Food and Nutrition Service



provided the State the option to invest fifty percent of the penalty amount into program improvements that would reduce the payment error rate. Your Committee further finds that the appropriation made by this measure would fulfill the State's obligation to make the required investment.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1099, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

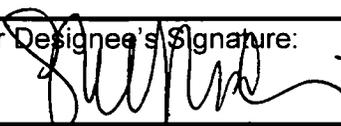
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB1099 HD1	Committee Referral: HHS, WAM	Date: 3/28/25		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	12	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