

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 474
H.D. 2
S.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 Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 474, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Health to fund an unspecified number of full-time equivalent fall prevention and early detection coordinator positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that unintentional falls among seniors age sixty-five years and older in the State are the leading cause of fatal injuries and injury-related emergency room visits for this age group. Your Committee further finds that access to fall prevention services and programs would significantly reduce costs associated with falls among older adults by expediting treatment, minimizing serious long-term consequences, reducing the extent of the injury, and, in some instances, avoiding death. Accordingly, this measure provides continued support to fall prevention programs and services to promote longer, healthier lives for the State's aging population.



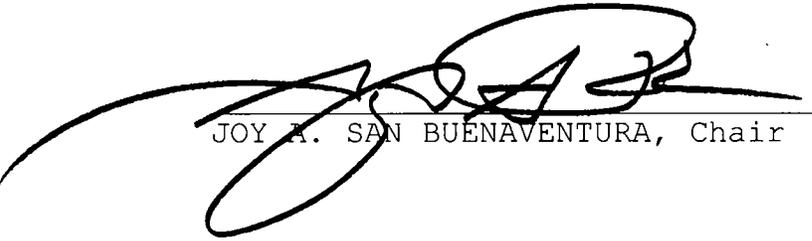
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the appropriation is for the current Fall Prevention Campaign rather than for Fall Prevention and Early Detection Coordinator positions established by Act 153, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014;
- (2) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committee notes that this measure contains an unspecified appropriation amount. Should your Committee on Ways and Means choose to deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider inserting an appropriation amount of \$100,000 for the current Fall Prevention Campaign.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 474, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 474, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Health and Human Services
HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB 474, HD2	HHS, WAM	3/12/25
<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 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	
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓	
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓	
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.		✓
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett		✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓	
TOTAL	13	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
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