

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 28 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 705 H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 705, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a temporary Medi-Medi Project within the Hawaii State Health Insurance Assistance Program to assist older adults, Medicare beneficiaries, individuals with disabilities, and other underserved populations who may qualify for various low-income subsidy programs to gain access to their benefits;
- (2) Require the Executive Office on Aging to submit annual reports to the Legislature on the Medi-Medi Project; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the Hawaii State Health Insurance Assistance Program, including for staff and operating expenses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; and two



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individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Executive Office on Aging.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 705, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-third Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB705 HDI	Committee Referral: HSH , FIN	Dat	··· 2/24/2	٢
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)				ennin Aprila
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)				
3. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada				
4. HOLT, Daniel				
5. HUSSEY, Ikaika				
6. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L		DMMC11.2		
7. KITAGAWA, Lisa				
8. KUSCH, Matthias				evenes and a second to the second
9. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.				
10. LEE, Mike				
11. MIYAKE, Tyson K.				
12. MORIKAWA, Dee				
13. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann 14. ALCOS III, David				
15. REYES ODA, Julie				
16. WARD, Gene	<u> </u>			
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If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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