STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1237-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Morch 24, 2006

RE:

S.B. No. 3252

S.D. 2 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 3252, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAREGIVING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that a high level of quality care is provided by at-home caregivers by:

- (1) Directing the Executive Office on Aging to coordinate a statewide system of family caregiver support services and policies;
- (2) Appropriating funds to provide for the coordination and development of family caregiver support services; and
- (3) Appropriating funds to the Kupuna Care Services Program.

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Community Services, American Association of Retired Persons Hawaii, Kokua Council, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Moiliili Community Center, Central Oahu Caregivers' Support Group, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Hawaii Division, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Executive Office on Aging supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committees find that caregivers are motivated to provide care to family members because of their values, the preference of the elderly to remain at home with their families, and the high cost of institutional long-term care. While caregivers are noble in their quest to provide for loved ones, it is a difficult task that can have negative consequences in terms of their ability to maintain their employment and income while balancing the demands of caregiving. It is therefore a necessity that those who care for our elderly and disabled receive the assistance and coordination they so desperately need to ensure that their own well-being is not endangered by the good they provide to others.

Your Committees have amended this bill by refocusing the intent to assist a central agency in providing the fullest amount of coordination of support services to family caregivers by, among other things:

- (1) Deleting the appropriation of funds to expand the Kupuna Care Service Program; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3252, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3252, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

ALEX M. SONSON, Chair

DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

SB 3252 SD1 HO1	Date:	3/21/0.	6			
Committee Referral: HLT (HVS, FIN	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	Pas	ss, with amendmen	ts			
☐ Hold	☐ Recommit					
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused		
1. ARAKAKI, Dennis A. (C)	1					
2. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (VC)						
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.						
4. HALE, Heléne H.						
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.						
6. SONSON, Alex M.						
7. HALFORD, Chris						
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:	2/2/					
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SB3252 SD2 Committee Referral: HUS, FIN	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments							
☐ Hold	□ Re	ecommit					
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused			
1. SONSON, Alex M. (C)							
2. CABANILLA, Rida T.R. (VC)				·			
3. ARAKAKI, Dennis A.							
4. GREEN, Josh, M.D.							
5. HALE, Heléne H.							
6. KAHIKINA, Michael Puamamo							
7. KAWAKAMI, Bertha C.							
8. HALFORD, Chris							
9. STONEBRAKER, Bud							
TOTAL	7			2			
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) Vice Chair's or designee's signature:							
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