STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2446

Honolulu, Hawaii

FCB 17

, 2006

RE:

S.B. No. 3246

S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda President of the Senate Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 3246 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADULT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the level of care payment for adult residential care providers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the measure from the Department of Human Services, the Hawaii Coalition of Care Home Administrators, the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, the Primary Care Providers of Hawaii, and the United Group of Home Operators.

Your Committee finds that this measure will provide adult residential care home operators with a long-overdue increase in the level of care payment while minimizing the effect of the increase on compliance with the Maintenance of Effort Agreement between the Department of Human Services and the Social Security Administration. Accordingly, the rate increase will be effective on January 1, 2007, because the Maintenance of Effort Agreement is based on the calendar year, rather than the State's fiscal year. Your Committee further finds that the payment authorized for July 1, 2006 is cost-neutral to the State because it uses funds already appropriated for State Supplemental Payments, which must be expended by the end of 2006 under the Maintenance of Effort Agreement.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Directing the Department of Human Services to make a payment on July 1, 2006, and thereafter as the Director determines a need, to individuals receiving State Supplemental Payments, using the unexpended portion of State funds that have been appropriated for level of care payments;
- (2) Reinstating the statutory language that provides level of care payment maximums; and
- (3) Inserting the figure of \$1,350,000 in the appropriation section.

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 S.B. No. 3246, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3246, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB3246	Committee Referral:	Date: 2/14	106
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:			
The Recommendation is to:			
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit (2312) (2311) (2310) (2313)			
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR) Nays	Excused
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IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)			\ \\
FUKUNAGA, Carol			
HOOSER, Gary L.			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.		·····	
TRIMBLE, Gordon	V	······································	·
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TOTAL	4		2
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted			
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Cure Tukunaga			
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^{*}Do <u>not</u> list more than one measure per Record of Votes.