STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2792

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR - 3 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3253

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3253 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAREGIVING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a joint legislative committee on family caregiving.

Your Committee understands that families, rather than institutions, are the primary providers of long-term care in this State. Sixty-five per cent of these family caregivers are employed. Further, as a result of cost-containment policies and practices, people with healthcare needs are being discharged from hospitals and other care facilities with complex health care requirements. This imposes greater responsibilities upon individuals and families to be well-informed about long-term care planning, financing, and the options available to assist them in their caregiving tasks.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the proposed appropriation to unspecified amounts to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and style.

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 S.B. No. 3253, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3253, S.D. 1.

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

BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Third Legislature State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the Committee on Ways and Means (Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:*	Committee Referral:		Date:			
SB 3253	HMS,	2/28/06				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is to:						
Pass, unamended (2312)						
Members		Ayes Aye	s(WR)	Nays	Excus	ed
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)						
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)						
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		/ .				
ESPERO, Will						+
FUKUNAGA, Carol	· .					
HOOSER Gary L.					Not	. to time .
INOUYE, Lorraine R.						
KANNO, Brian			<u></u> .			: :
KIM, Donna Mercado						
KOKUBUN, Russell S.						
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.						
SAKAMOTO, Norman						
HEMMINGS, Fred					\	
SLOM, Sam						
TRIMBLE, Gordon				<u> </u>		
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:						
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^{*}Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.