

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 899

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 928
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 928
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to increase low- and moderate-
income families' homeownership by:

- (1) Exempting family self-sufficiency escrow accounts from
the asset test for public assistance administered by the
Department of Human Services; and
- (2) Appropriating funds to the Hawaii Public Housing
Authority (HPHA) to:
 - (a) Increase outreach and administrative support for
the section 8 homeownership option and the housing
choice voucher family self-sufficiency programs;
 - (b) Provide matching grants or loan forgiveness to
section 8 homeownership option program participants
to help with down payments; and
 - (c) Provide additional state matches to help housing
choice voucher family self-sufficiency program
participants to build homeownership savings.



The Hawaii Alliance for Community-based Economic Development testified in support of this bill. The Department of Human Services provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting the amendments to the eligibility criteria for medical assistance in section 346-29(d), as the same criteria is already included in eligibility criteria for public assistance, which covers medical assistance;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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. 928, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 928, H.D. 1.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>HB 928</i>	Date: <i>2/22/07</i>			
Committee Referral: <i>HSH, FIN</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	/			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. BROWER, Tom	/			
5. CARROLL, Mele	/			
6. CHONG, Pono	/			
7. HANOHANO, Faye P.	/			
8. HAR, Sharon E.	/			
9. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	/			
10. MANAHAN, Joey	/			
11. MIZUNO, John	/			
12. NAKASONE, Bob	/			
13. RHOADS, Karl	/			
14. SAGUM, Roland D., III	/			
15. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
16. AWANA, Karen Leinani	/			
17. MEYER, Colleen Rose				X
18. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	/			
TOTAL	<i>17</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) <i>Marilyn B. Lee</i>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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