STAND. COM. REP. NO. 79

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 103 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 Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 103 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish a Micro-credit Pilot Program to provide loans to qualified low-income individuals.

DHS, 3Point, the Hawaii Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development, and Hawaii Centers for Independent Living testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee finds that DHS does not have the expertise to administer a loan program and provide some of the services proposed in this measure. There are existing entities in Hawaii that currently administer micro-credit loan programs, but your Committee is taking a cautious approach in requiring DHS to administer such a program without expertise, particularly because federal funds may be involved.

Your Committee respectfully requests that DHS provide an approximate cost for the feasibility study.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring DHS to conduct a feasibility study of implementing a Micro-credit Loan Program instead of requiring a pilot program;
- (2) Requiring DHS to also consult with DHS's Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division, and Maui Economic Opportunity and other local agencies with experience in micro-credit programs;
- (3) Changing the appropriation to expend Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program funds instead of general funds; and
- (4) Making other technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 103, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 103, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair

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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services & Housing

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 10ろ		Date: 1/29/07			
Committee Referral: HSH, FIN		The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended		A Pass, with amendments			
☐ Hold		Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration			
HSH Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L. (C)		X			
2. RHOADS, Karl (VC)		X		-	
3. BELATTI, Della Au		X			
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III		X			
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.		Χ,			
6. GREEN, Josh, M.D.		X			
7. MIZUNO, John		X			
8. TAKAI, K. Mark		X			
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane		X .			
10. AWANA, Karen Leinani		$\wedge$			
11. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.		Х			
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TOTAL		11			
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The recommendation is:	Adopted Adopted				
	☐ Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.					
Committee acronym(s)  Committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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