STAND. COM. REP. NO. 748

Honolulu, Hawaii

Fe 4/6, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1475 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 Committees on Health and Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1475 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the quality of life for people living in care homes by raising the monthly needs allowance (Allowance), which has been set at \$30 per month since 1988, to a more reasonable amount of \$50 per month, with annual increases equal to any annual percentage increase of the social security income benefit.

The Department of Human Services (DHS), State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, National Association of Social Workers, Mental Health America of Hawaii, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Hawaii Coalition of Care Home Administrators opposed this measure.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:

(1) Exempting the Allowance from gross income, adjusted gross income, and taxable income under Chapter 235, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS);

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- (2) Providing an exemption of the Allowance from the general excise tax under Chapter 237, HRS;
- (3) Requiring DHS to provide the Legislature with annual reports on the Allowance; and
- (4) 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 & Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1475, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1475, 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 & Housing,

MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair

JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair

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## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Health**

Bill/Resolution No. 14	75	Date:	2-9-07				
Committee Referral, HSH, FIN			☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:	Pass, unamended	×	Pass, with amendments				
☐ Hold ☐ Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration							
HLT Memb	pers	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused		
1. GREEN, Josh, M.D. (C	) .	V					
2. MIZUNO, John (VC)		V					
3. BELATTI, Della Au	1 1	V					
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III		V					
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.I	R.		4.5				
6. RHOADS, Karl		V					
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L.							
8. TAKAI, K. Mark		V					
9. TOKIOKA, James Kur	nane						
10. AWANA, Karen Leinar	ni				V		
11. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.		V					
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## Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services & Housing

Bill/Resolution No.:  HB 1475	Date:	2/9/07					
Committee Referral: HLT /HSH, FIN	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended	A Pass, with amendments						
☐ Hold	<ul> <li>Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration</li> </ul>						
HSH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused			
1. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L. (C)			1.1	X			
2. RHOADS, Karl (VC)	X						
3. BELATTI, Della Au	X	·					
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III	<u> </u>						
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				X			
6. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	X						
7. MIZUNO, John	X						
8. TAKAI, K. Mark	X						
9. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	Χ.						
10. AWANA, Karen Leinani	A.			X			
11. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.	×						
TOTAL	8			3			
The recommendation is:							
☐ Not Adopted							
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