STAND. COM. REP. NO. 959

Honolulu, Hawaii Mechb, 2009 RE: H.B. No. 1098

H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1098, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide the maximum amount of assistance to people in recovery or transition periods in a fiscally responsible manner by:

- Placing a 24-month limit on general assistance (GA) to households without minor dependents;
- Stipulating that assistance received pending an eligibility determination for the federal Supplemental Security Income Program or successor program is not counted toward the 24-month limit;
- (3) Requiring the Department of Human Services to refer GA recipients to the Aged, Blind, and Permanently and Totally Disabled program after 12 months or upon the recipient turning 65 years old; and
- (4) Converting GA from a block grant into an entitlement program.

The Legal Aid Society of Hawaii provided comments.



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Your Committee has amended this bill by changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

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. 1098, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1098, H.D. 2.

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

MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



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

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1098, HD 1 HU	Referral: S, FIN		harch 5,	,2009
<ul> <li>The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.</li> <li>The recommendation is to:         <ul> <li>Pass, unamended (as is)</li> <li>Pass, with amendments (HD)</li> <li>Hold</li> <li>Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)				
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	5			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	-			
4. AWANA, Karen Leinani				V
5. BROWER, Tom	-			
6. CHOY, Isaac W.	-			
7. COFFMAN, Denny	~			
8. HAR, Sharon E.	<u> </u>			
9. KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	$\sim$			
10. LEE, Chris	~			
11. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				~
12. SAGUM, Roland D., III	-			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	V			
14. WOOLEY, Jessica	~			
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	-			
16. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	-			
17. WARD, Gene				
TOTAL (17)	15	0	0	2
The recommendation is:       Adopted       In Not Adopted         If joint referral,				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Marg 3. Lev				
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