

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2547
H.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2547, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation of \$736,478 to the Department of Human Services to address the budget shortfall in the general assistance program.


Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by the Department of Human Services; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Legal Aid Society of Hawaii; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that, pursuant to the requirements set forth in Article VII, Section 9, of the Hawaii State Constitution, the Governor requested immediate consideration and passage of this bill. Your Committee also finds that the general assistance program will expend all appropriated funds before the end of the current fiscal year and that the continuance of this program is critical to the needs of the community. Your Committee further finds that an emergency appropriation is necessary to maintain the services of the Department of Human Services' general assistance program and to prevent further reductions in general assistance payments to general assistance recipients.



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 H.B. No. 2547, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
HB2547 HD1	HMS, WAM	4-2-12
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____		
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)
Nay	Excused	
IGE, David Y. (C)	/	
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/	
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.		/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/	
ESPERO, Will	/	
FUKUNAGA, Carol		/
KIM, Donna Mercado	/	
KAHELE, Gilbert	/	
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	/	
RYAN, Pohai	/	
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/	
WAKAI, Glenn	/	
SLOM, Sam		/
TOTAL	11	1
0	2	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>		
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