# OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER TWENTY-SIXTH STATE LEGISLATURE

# **COMMITTEE REFERRALS**

# NO. 75 57th LEGISLATIVE DAY-APRIL 26, 2012

#### Committee Abbreviations:

AGR - Agriculture HSG - Housing CPC - Consumer Protection & Commerce HUS - Human Services CUA - Culture & the Arts INT - International Affairs EDN - Education JUD - Judiciary LAB - Labor & Public Employment EEP - Energy & Environmental Protection LMG - Legislative Management ERB - Economic Revitalization & Business PBM - Public Safety & Military Affairs FIN - Finance TOU - Tourism HAW - Hawaiian Affairs HED - Higher Education TRN - Transportation HLT - Health WLO - Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

# **Committee RE-REFERRAL**

### HB1905, HD2, SD2

# RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

Allows DHS to draw from other funds appropriated to DHS in the event the general assistance appropriation is insufficient to meet General Assistance benefits payments. Appropriates moneys to maintain funding levels of programs for public welfare. Creates an unspecified amount of positions under DHS for the supplemental nutrition assistance program. Requires financial institutions to report suspected financial abuse of an elder to appropriate law enforcement, to take effect upon approval. Establishes the Hawaii interagency council on homelessness, to be repealed on 6/30/2022. Authorizes DHS to place on its public website information and printable posters on the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline. Creates a task force on human trafficking and specifies members. Appropriates funds to increase payments for physician services to medicaid-eligible persons, up to a certain per cent of the current medicare rate. Requires DHS to report to the legislature baseline medicaid and additional funds needed for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. Requires DHS to seek an appropriation in an amount equal to at least the amount appropriated in 2012-2013 for additional payments for physician services during the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium; to take effect 7/1/2050. Allows for a fair and equitable reimbursement system for all clients under the medicaid program for community based caregiver services. Allows for a fair and equitable referral system for clients transferring from hospitals to communitybased care homes. Requires all commercial health care insurers operating in Hawaii to share with DHS a listing of their members for medicaid eligibility determination. (SD2)

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