

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 498
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 498, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ADULT
PROTECTIVE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BRANCH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make appropriations to the Department of Human Services to fund eleven positions in the Adult Protective and Community Services Branch.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services and one individual.

Your Committee finds that in 2009, the Adult Protective and Community Services Branch of the Department of Human Services suffered a twenty-five percent reduction in staff due to the economic crisis. That same year, a change in statute expanded the Branch's client population, resulting in a fifty-one percent increase in adult protective services investigations. Your Committee further finds that the Adult Protective and Community Services Branch requires additional staff to effectively serve and protect Hawaii's vulnerable adults who are in danger of being abused, neglected, or financially exploited.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting language that authorizes the Department of Human Services to extend the federal ceiling and increase the federal funds available for the positions within the Adult Protective and Community Services Branch funded by this measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 498, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 498, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 498, HD 1	Committee Referral: HSH, WAM	Date: 3/19/15		
<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-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" 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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	X			
GREEN, Josh (VC)				X
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
SLOM, Sam				X
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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