

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2017

RE: H.C.R. No. 96

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 96 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
BUDGET AND FINANCE TO PROVIDE A STATUS REPORT ON THE HAWAII
ABLE SAVINGS PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Budget and Finance to provide a status report on the
establishment and implementation of the Hawaii Achieving a Better
Life Experience (ABLE) Savings Program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this
measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities,
Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that section 256B-3(a)(9), Hawaii
Revised Statutes, requires the Director of Finance to conduct an
annual evaluation of the Hawaii ABLE Savings Program, prepare an
annual report of the evaluation, and submit that report to the
Governor and the Legislature. However, the Department of Budget
and Finance has not issued any report since the statute was
enacted in 2015. Your Committee believes that proper reporting by
the Director of Finance will assist the Governor, Legislature, and
public in monitoring the establishment and implementation of the
Hawaii ABLE Savings Program and ensuring accountability so that
the program is created in a timely manner.



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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 96, and recommends its adoption.

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



JILL N. TORUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 96	Committee Referral: WAM	Date: 4/18/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			/
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
TOTAL	10			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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