

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2660

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2248  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2248 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds and require the Department of Human Services to establish a service pilot program for neighbor islands to provide services and training for blind and visually impaired residents to take effect on July 1, 2020, and end on June 30, 2021.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i and Hawaii Disability Rights Center. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committees find that thousands of Hawaii residents experience visual disabilities that hamper daily living and that may lead to conditions of isolation, limited productivity, loss of independence, and lack of social integration. Your Committees further find that training, adjustments to blindness services, and transportation services receive state and local support based on economies of scale.

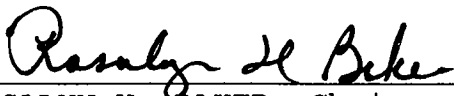


Your Committees also find that a supplemental service plan is needed to provide additional support services for neighbor island residents who are blind and visually impaired. Your Committees note the suggestion posed by the Department of Human Services to extend the duration of the pilot program to allow enough time to implement and evaluate the program's effectiveness.

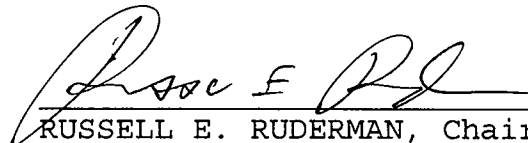
Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by extending the completion of the pilot program from June 30, 2021, to June 31, 2022. Your Committees further amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2248, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2248, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Human Services  
and Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair




RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair





The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**  
**CPH**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2248	HMS / CPH, WAM	2/5/20		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	4			3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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