

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1474  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 1474 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the achievement of full funding, including estimated payment increases, of Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services support low income kupuna and individuals with disabilities who need assistance with activities of daily living such as getting dressed and bathing, preparing and eating meals, and tending to chores in the home. Recipients of Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services are able to remain in their home and community. However, Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services direct care workers are often paid extremely low wages and have few opportunities for training and career advancement, leading to high turnover, worker shortages, and limited availability for service providers. This measure appropriates funds for the achievement of full funding, including estimated payment increases, of Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services to



ensure that kupuna and individuals with disabilities continue to receive services while also supporting direct care workers who provide valuable community services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a blank appropriation amount; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Should your Committee on Ways and Means choose to deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it considers inserting an appropriation amount of \$30,210,000 for the achievement of full funding, including estimated payment increases, of Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1474, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1474, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Health and Human Services**  
**HHS**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1474	HHS, WAM	02/15/23		
<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
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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