STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 , 2023

RE: H.R. No. 46

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.R. No. 46 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE INTERCEPTING SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to immediately cease intercepting Social Security payments for children in foster care and to deposit these Social Security payments into savings accounts that may be accessed by foster children when they return to their families, are adopted, or age out of foster care.

The Department of Human Services offered comments.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Human Services uses a foster child's Social Security payments to help pay for foster care expenses of the child. The Department indicated that general fund appropriations will be required to meet the expenses of the State's foster care program should the State forego using Social Security benefits to reimburse foster board costs. Your Committee supports continued efforts to examine these fiscal concerns as this measure moves through the legislative process.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 46 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

RK M. NAKASY MA. Chai

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 46	Committee Referral:	Date: MarcH 29, 2623		
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	X			
2. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (VC)	X			447 25
3. AMATO, Terez	Y			
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5. HASHEM, Mark J.	X			Утару — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —
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6. HUSSEY-BURDICK, Natalia				
7. GATES, Cedric Asuega	X		1- 12/12/75	
8. LOWEN, Nicole E.				X
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.				
10. TAM, Adrian K.	Y.			######################################
11. PIERICK, Elijah	X			Santa Sa
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TOTAL (11)	10	0	0	1
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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