STAND. COM. REP. NO. 75-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1974

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1974, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- Increase the monthly needs allowance for certain longterm care facilities;
- (2) Clarify that the needs allowance is not intended to replace or affect funds received from the federal Supplemental Security Income program;
- (3) Require certain long-term care facility operators to pay for generic toiletries, linens, and meals and snacks;
- (4) Clarify the individuals who are eligible to receive the needs allowance; and
- (5) Require the Department of Human Services to perform an annual review of the needs allowance and report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Executive Office on Aging.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1974, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,



State of Hawaii



Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1974, HD1 Committee Referral: HUS, FIN Date: 2/26/2024				
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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	V			
2. KITAGAWA, Lisa (VC)				
3. AIU, Micah P.K.	V			EPZE T. T.
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9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand				
10. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.				
11. MORIKAWA, Dee				
12. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				
13. POEPOE, Mahina				
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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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