

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1853
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1853, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEMENTIA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Hanai Memory Network Program within the Executive Office on Aging to create a network, including dementia care specialists, memory clinics, and community-based services, to assist individuals with dementia and their caregivers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency; Disability and Communication Access Board; AARP Hawai'i; Alzheimer's Association - Hawaii; Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Hawaii Primary Care Association; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the 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. 1853, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



CHRIS TODD, Chair



