

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2115
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 Human Services & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 2115 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services to issue supplemental contracts to community-based organization to address increases in costs related to labor, insurance, utilities, rent, and gas.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Adult Friends for Youth; Responsive Caregivers of Hawaii; Hale Kipa; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Community Alliance on Prisons; Hina Mauka; Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations; Hawai'i True Cost Coalition; Parents and Children Together; Domestic Violence Action Center; Goodwill Hawaii; Kumukahi Health+Wellness; Aloha United Way; Hawaii Youth Services Network; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; Child and Family Service; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; AlohaCare; Partners in Development Foundation; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and State Procurement Office.



Your Committee finds that community-based organizations across the State are facing significant financial pressures due to rising labor, insurance, utilities, rent, and fuel costs that have outpaced stagnant contract rates. These increasing operational burdens threaten the continuity, quality, and stability of essential services provided on behalf of the Department of Human Services to vulnerable children, families, youth, kupuna, and individuals experiencing homelessness. Your Committee further finds that this measure will help sustain Hawaii's social safety-net infrastructure by providing supplemental funding necessary to maintain service capacity, retain qualified staff, and support the long-term viability of critical programs statewide.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider the following budget information on existing contracts between the Department of Human Services and direct service providers when determining the amounts for supplemental contracts:

Total contracts	\$227,499,147
HMS 301 (CWS)	\$49,690,817
HMS 802 (DVR)	\$7,368,156
HMS 302 (BESSD)	\$5,118,101
HMS 903 (BESSD)	\$53,264,431
HMS 902 (MQD)	\$6,376,252
HMS 501 (OYS)	\$9,738,391
Recent 5 percent increase	
HMS 301 (CWS)	\$75,712,180
HMS 224 (BESSD)	\$20,230,819

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2115, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2115, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services &
Homelessness,



LISA MARTEN, Chair



