

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3179

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2115
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2115, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services to issue supplemental contracts to community-based organizations 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; Community Alliance on Prisons; Parents and Children Together; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hina Mauka; Aloha Independent Living Hawaii; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; Hawai'i Community Foundation; Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations; The Hawai'i True Cost Coalition; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; AlohaCare; The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; and one individual.

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 provide essential support services on behalf of



the Department of Human Services, including housing assistance, child and adult protective services, food security programs, vocational rehabilitation, and care for individuals facing homelessness or crisis. However, your Committee further finds that many of these state-contracted service providers have struggled to sustain programs because existing contract rates have remained stagnant for years and do not reflect the true cost of delivering care, threatening the stability of the State's social services infrastructure. This measure appropriates funding to ensure continuity of care, workforce stability, and long-term partnerships that benefit both the State and its communities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to establish that for any multi-year contract entered into or renewed beginning in fiscal year 2027-2028, the Department of Human Services shall:
 - (A) Issue a request for information to determine whether any existing contract remains fiscally sound; and
 - (B) Determine, with the consent of the contractor, whether a new request for proposals should be issued; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 H.B. No. 2115, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2115, H.D. 1, 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-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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HHS

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2115 HD1	HHS, WAM	3/18/2024		
<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)	✓	✓		
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	✓	✓		
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓	✓		
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett	✓	✓		
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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