

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2069  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2069 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY SERVICE CENTERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support Hawaii's families by:

- (1) Establishing the Community-based, Family-centered Models Special Account to award matching grants to establish, maintain, and conduct ongoing evaluation of community-based family-centered models, which are resource centers designed to deliver information and services to families; and
- (2) Appropriating funds to the Hawaii Even Start Literacy Program (Literacy Program).

The Department of Human Services (DHS) testified in support of this measure. The Department of Education supported the intent of this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance did not support this bill. The Attorney General provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Using the term "community-based, family-centered delivery models" throughout the bill;



- (2) Substituting "special fund" for "special account;"
- (3) Adding definitions of "community-based, family-centered delivery model" and "fund";
- (4) Replacing the appropriation to the Literacy Program with an appropriation to the Community-based, Family-centered Delivery Models Special Fund to be expended by DHS;
- (5) Clarifying that DHS may only use funds to award contracts to purchase services in accordance with Chapter 103F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Purchases of Health and Human Services; and
- (6) Making other technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2069, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2069, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



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ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



