

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2257

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. 2257 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote accountability and openness in government by requiring:

- (1) Federal funds received under the Child Care Development Block Grant Program (Program) to be subject to appropriation by the Legislature;
- (2) The Legislature to appropriate funds before the Department of Human Services (DHS) can expend the funds; and
- (3) DHS to submit a report to the Legislature explaining how the funds will be expended, a plan of desired outcomes from the expenditure of the funds, and the effectiveness of the plan.

DHS offered comments. The Department of Budget and Finance opposed this bill.



Your Committee has amended this bill by: .

- (1) Allowing the Governor to authorize DHS to accept other federal funds relating to the Program when the Legislature is not in session;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2099, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making 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. 2257, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2257, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



