

Honolulu, Hawaii  
Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2258  
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. 2258 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) Funds received under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program to be subject to appropriation by the Legislature;
- (2) The Legislature to appropriate TANF funds before they can be expended; and
- (3) Annual reports from the Department of Human Services (DHS) that include how the funds will be expended, a plan of desired outcomes from the expenditure of the funds, and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the plan and level of success in reaching the desired outcomes.

Blueprint for Change testified in support of this bill. DHS supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance opposed this bill.

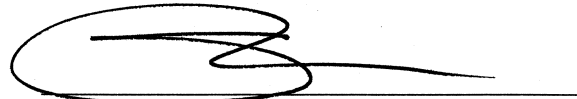


Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Broadening the scope of the report to the Legislature by including the progress and outcomes of programs funded with TANF moneys from the previous two years;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2009, 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. 2258, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2258, 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



