

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2258, H.D. 1, 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 legislative appropriation;
- (2) Annual reports by the Department of Human Services (DHS) that include a plan on how the TANF funds will be expended and descriptions of desired outcomes, as well as reports on the effectiveness and level of success in achieving these outcomes; and
- (3) The House of Representatives and the Senate to refer these matters to all relevant standing committees.

Blueprint for Change and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The National Association of Social Workers and a concerned individual also supported this measure with amendments. DHS supported the intent of this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance opposed this measure.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2258, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



