

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 10, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2941
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 Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 2941 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assist Hawaii residents by providing information and resources to help them make informed decisions in order to enjoy secure and productive lives during their retirement years.

Specifically, this bill creates a state longevity planning program within the Executive Office on Aging, in partnership with stakeholders, to conduct a needs assessment of information needs relating to longevity issues and to design, conduct, and evaluate a public awareness campaign to provide the information identified in the needs assessment. The bill authorizes the Department of Health to contract with a private or public entity to evaluate the public awareness campaign. Finally, the bill appropriates \$305,000 to be expended by the Department of Health to implement the program.

The Executive Office on Aging testified in support of the intent of the bill.

Your Committees believe that many Hawaii residents have insufficient knowledge of the choices, options, and decisions



regarding longevity issues that they need in order to assure themselves of a secure and productive retirement.

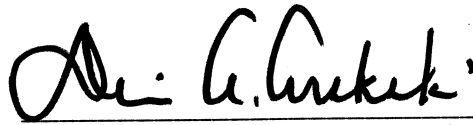
Upon further consideration, your Committees have amended this bill by replacing the appropriated amount of \$305,000 with \$1 for purposes of facilitating further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2941, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2941, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Health and Human Services,



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair



