

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2185
S.D. 2
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 S.B. No. 2185, S.D. 2, 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 appropriating funds for:

- (1) The development of community-based, family-centered models throughout the state; and
- (2) The Hawaii Even Start Literacy Program.

The Blueprint for Change testified in support of this bill. The Department of Education supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee received testimony that community-based, family centered models promote increased community responsibility and safer communities.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Establishing the Community-based, Family-centered Delivery Models Special Fund (Special Fund);



- (2) Replacing the appropriation for the development of community-based, family-centered models with an appropriation to the Special Fund; .
- (3) Deleting the appropriation for the Hawaii Even Start Literacy Program;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2022, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) 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 S.B. No. 2185, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2185, S.D. 2, 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



