

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2333  
S.D. 2

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. 2333, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to make an emergency appropriation of \$416,718 to adequately fund general assistance (GA) payments for the remainder of the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) and National Association of Social Workers, Hawaii Chapter, testified in support of this bill.

DHS testified that based on current projections that assume a monthly expenditure of \$418 per disabled GA client, it will expend all appropriations by April 2006. This measure is necessary to ensure adequate benefits to GA recipients for the remainder of this fiscal year.

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. 2333, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



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



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ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



