

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 17, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2563
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 2563, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SAGE PLUS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide assistance to Medicare and Medicaid recipients by:

- (1) Appropriating funds to add positions for the operation and delivery of Sage PLUS program (Program) services on the neighbor islands;
- (2) Appropriating funds to recruit and train volunteers to augment the Program staff, and for operating costs of the neighbor island Program staff; and
- (3) Converting current Program employees to civil service positions.

The Executive Office on Aging supported the intent of this bill.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the provisions establishing additional positions;

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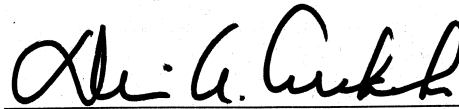
- (2) Removing the provisions converting Program employees to civil service positions; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 2563, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2563, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

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



ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



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