

Honolulu, Hawaii

May 2, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2258
H.D. 1
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 2258, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this bill is to promote accountability and openness in government with respect to the use of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program funds by:

- (1) Requiring TANF funds to be appropriated by the Legislature for expenditure; and
- (2) Requiring the Department of Human Services (DHS) to:
 - (A) Submit an annual plan to the Legislature detailing the planned expenditure of TANF funds and the desired outcomes from the expenditure of such funds;



- (B) Continue the strategic planning process of involving the community in planning for the future use of TANF funds; and
- (C) Submit an annual report to the Legislature on the effectiveness and level of success in reaching the desired outcomes.

Your Committee on Conference recognizes that there are several worthy programs that need funding to assist the elderly and the needy, including the Chore Services Program and the Hawaii Even Start Family Literacy Program (Literacy Program). The Literacy Program assists at-risk parents and their young children in low-income communities with various programs related to literacy, job preparation, education, and parenting skills.

The funds for the Literacy Program are to be expended for TANF purposes, and, as such, the appropriation is to be expended by DHS, in compliance with the requirement that TANF monies be expended by DHS.

Accordingly, your Committee on Conference has amended this bill by:

- (1) Establishing provisions for the receipt and expenditure of federal TANF funds when the Legislature is not in session;
- (2) Appropriating \$1,191,058 in general funds for the Chore Services Program;
- (3) Appropriating \$600,000 in TANF funds for the Literacy Program;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2006; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2258, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2258, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

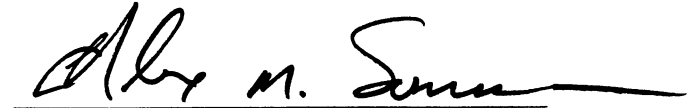


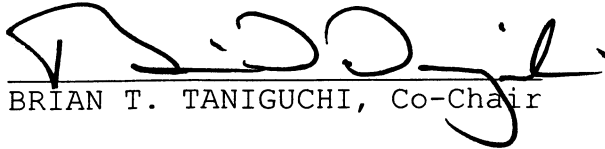
Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair

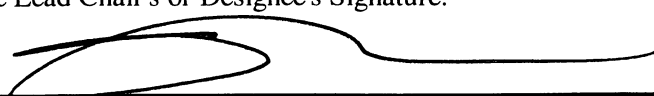

ALEX M. SONSON, Co-Chair


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Co-Chair


DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Co-Chair



Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

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