

Honolulu, Hawaii

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

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2333, S.D. 1, 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 to continue the general assistance program.

Specifically, the bill makes an emergency appropriation of \$416,718 to prevent the reduction of general assistance payments in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2005-2006.

Your Committee finds that this bill will ensure that general assistance payments are maintained at \$418 per month for each eligible recipient through the end of fiscal year 2005-2006. Without this emergency appropriation, the Department of Human Services would be unable to provide general assistance payments to disabled general assistance recipients after April, 2006. To continue payments after that period would result in a shortfall of more than \$416,000. Your Committee believes that this bill is necessary to assist certain disabled individuals in maintaining their health and well-being.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2333, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2333, S.D. 2.


Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Ways and Means
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB 2333 SDI	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 2/24/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HOOSER, Gary L.				/
INOUE, Lorraine R.	/			
KANNO, Brian	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
SAKAMOTO, Norman				/
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TRIMBLE, Gordon	/			
TOTAL	11	0	0	4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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