

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2225**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 16, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2563

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Human Services and Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 2563 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish Sage PLUS specialist positions for Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii counties and for operating costs to expand and support the Sage PLUS program on the neighbor islands.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging and Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

The Sage PLUS program is currently housed and staffed only on Oahu. The program provides services about 186,000 residents receiving Medicare and Medicaid benefits. Volunteers provide limited service on the neighbor islands for residents of Hilo, Kona, Maui, and Kauai, but there is no office or staff support available to them.

Your Committees believe that it is critical to have a staff person situated on each island to ensure that necessary information and assistance about benefits, options, and rights are provided in a timely manner by a knowledgeable person.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose

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of S.B. No. 2563 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Health
(Bills and Resolutions)

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| Measure:* SB 2563 | Committee Referral: HMS/HTH, WAM | Date: 2-7-06 | | |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313) | | | | |
| Members | Ayes | Ayes(WR) | Nays | Excused |
| BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| HANABUSA, Colleen | | | | ✓ |
| TSUTSUI, Shan S. | ✓ | | | |
| WHALEN, Paul | | | | ✓ |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted | | | | |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Suzanne Chun Oakland</div> | | | | |
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