

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2057

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb. 15, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2804

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
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. 2804 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL RECIPROCITY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an appropriation for the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) to develop a volunteer hours exchange program and to fund two pilot projects.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the EOA.

Your Committees find that this measure is intended to facilitate volunteering services to help elders. Many Hawaii residents volunteer their time to benefit others.

Your Committees find that a structured program that credits volunteers for donated hours would substantially increase the level of volunteer activity and address community needs, including child care and long-term care for the elderly.

A volunteer-hours exchange program allocates a credit for each hour of service that a person volunteers. The credits can be exchanged for a service that a person needs or a person can donate credits to another person. For instance, a person would receive a credit for providing transportation services to an elderly person in need. The person can then use the credit to obtain chore services or donate the credit to someone else in need of services. These programs support, encourage, and coordinate reciprocity

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among residents. Similar programs known as time dollar programs are being conducted successfully in Florida and Missouri and can serve as models. This measure would set up a pilot program on Hawaii county in conjunction with the retired and senior volunteer program, and a program on Oahu in conjunction with Project Dana.

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. 2804 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 Health and Human
Services,

Suzanne Chun Oakland
SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair

Rosalyn H. Baker
ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



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

Measure:* SB 2804	Committee Referral: HTH/HMS, 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				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
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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