

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3605

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 11 2006

RE: S.R. No. 64

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.R. No. 64 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONGRESS TO EXAMINE THE PUBLIC POLICY UNDERLYING THE RECOVERY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Congress to examine the public policy underlying the recovery of medical assistance payments.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that current federal statutes allow lien exemptions for a sibling who has resided in the home for one year and who has an equity interest in the home, for disabled or minor children, and spouses. A lien exemption should also apply to adult, non-disabled children residing for at least one year in the home and who have an equity interest in the home. Allowing a Medicaid agency to place a lien on a beneficiary's home often causes financial hardship for the beneficiary's adult child, particularly when he or she has resided in the home for a long period of time.

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 concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 64 and recommend its adoption.

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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
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

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

Measure:* SR 64	Committee Referral: HTA/HMS	Date: 3/29/06		
<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: 				
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*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.

