

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1272

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1007

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1007 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the Department of Human Services from considering moneys in escrow accounts established under the federal Housing and Urban Development Family Self-Sufficiency Program when determining eligibility for assistance or other benefits under chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development submitted testimony in support of this measure.

Your Committee finds that economic stability does not arise solely from income. Financial assets, such as cash savings and home equity, are a critical component of economic security. Financial assets offer individuals a viable and hopeful future, stimulate development of human and other capital, and enhance the welfare of children. The Family Self-Sufficiency Program allows public housing residents and holders of federal Section 8 Homeownership Program rental vouchers to build savings in an escrow account to be used for the down payment on a home or other uses.

This measure supports homeownership by households receiving low-income housing assistance by exempting these Family Self-Sufficiency Program escrow accounts from asset tests used to

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determine eligibility for public benefit programs administered by the Department of Human Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1007, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services and
Public Housing,

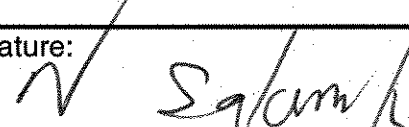
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SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 1007	Committee Referral: HSP, NAM	Date: 3/20/07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <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	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)				✓
HOOSER, Gary L.	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred				✓
TOTAL	3	1	1	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">  </div>				
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