

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

938

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1203

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1203 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a "cash and counseling" pilot program in Hawaii.

More specifically, the Department of Human Services would establish the program under which recipients of Medicaid personal care services or home- and community-based services receive a flexible monthly allowance and decide whom to hire and the services needed.

Your Committee received comments in support of the measure from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Kokua Council. The Department of Human Services, the Hawaii Aging Advocates Coalition, and the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that under current law, there is a limited choice of programs available for the elderly for personal care services. The measure will allow recipients to choose a family member or friend, in lieu of an agency worker, to provide that personal care service, enabling these family members or friends to receive an offset to some of their financial sacrifices.



Your Committee finds that establishing this pilot program for recipients of Medicaid personal care services will promote independence, responsibility, and confidence in recipients and at the same time, recognize and support family caregivers and friends for their efforts.

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. 1203 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1203	HSP, WAM	2/26/07		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	10	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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