

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2007

RE: S.C.R. No. 142
S.D. 1

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 S.C.R. No. 142 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO STUDY OTHER STATES' ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND COMPARE THEM TO HAWAII'S ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Legislative Reference Bureau to study other states' adult protective services and compare them to Hawaii's adult protective services.

The National Association of Social Workers submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Legislative Reference Bureau submitted comments.

In Hawaii, adult protective services provides crisis intervention, investigation, and emergency services to dependent adults who are reported to be abused, neglected, or financially exploited by others or seriously endangered due to self-neglect. Concerns have been raised by stakeholders and others in the community regarding whether the strict criteria under Hawaii's Adult Protective Services Law prevents the Department of Human Services from investigating reports for those who are most in need of services.

As noted by the National Association of Social Workers, questions exist regarding what population is most in need of

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services and how, if at all, the State's Adult Protective Services Law should be amended to provide services to that population. Also, questions remain regarding at what point the State should intervene and offer services. This measure will provide information regarding how other states implement their adult protective services and offer Hawaii a point of comparison in determining whether and how to expand its adult protective services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding two additional clauses regarding the estimated increase in Hawaii's older adult population;
- (2) Deleting the request that the Legislative Reference Bureau discuss the consequences of any expansion of services or changes to adult protective services laws in the various states to make the study more manageable; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 142, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 142, S.D. 1.

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


Suzanne Chun Oakland

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services and Public Housing
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 142	Committee Referral: HSP, WAM	Date: 3-29-07		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes