

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1116

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 2 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1475
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1475, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to establish a monthly personal allowance (MPA) of \$50 for individuals living in adult residential care home facilities, developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, adult foster homes, domiciliary care residences and facilities, nursing facilities, and residential alternatives for individuals served by the Residential Alternatives Community Care Program.

The Department of Human Services, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Disability and Communication Access Board, the Mayor of the County of Hawaii, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Hawaii Long Term Care Association, Hawaii Coalition of Care Home Administrators, National Alliance on Mental Illness - Oahu, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Mental Health America of Hawaii, the State Long Term Care Ombudsman, National Association of Social Workers, and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Taxation submitted comments.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the provision which allowed for annual increases in the MPA;
- (2) Deleting the provision that excluded the MPA from gross income, adjusted gross income, and taxable income;
- (3) Removing the provision that exempted the MPA from general excise tax;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1475, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1475, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



