

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3290  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 3290 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ASSISTING PERSONS UNDER A COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to assist individuals living in Hawaii under the Compacts of Free Association by:

- (1) Creating a state coordinator position within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) to assist these individuals; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for this position.

DLIR testified in support of the intent of this measure.

There are many individuals living in Hawaii under the Compacts of Free Association currently in place between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. Although a number of these individuals receive medical and social services assistance, this assistance is often provided to them through numerous agencies and organizations. Better coordination of these services through a state coordinator would work toward enhancing and improving the living conditions of these individuals.




However, your Committee understands the concerns raised by DLIR regarding the funding of this position through the use of general funds and notes that the Executive Director of the Office of Community Services stated that other avenues of providing funding for this position were being investigated.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2059, to encourage further discussion;
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3290, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3290, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on International Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor & Public  
Employment,



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ALEX M. SONSON, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 3290	<b>Committee Referral:</b> LAB, INT, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2-1-08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SONSON, Alex M. (C)	✓			
2. NAKASONE, Bob (VC)	✓			
3. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	✓			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
6. LUKE, Sylvia	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
8. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.				✓
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	✓			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.				✓
12. MEYER, Colleen Rose				✓
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	10			3
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u>Bob Nakasone</u>				
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