

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3022

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3400
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 3400, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Human Services to amend its administrative rules to add legal guardians to the definition of a specified relative for purposes of determining eligibility for assistance programs.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that currently, a family that takes a non-relative child into its household to keep the child out of the child welfare system, but suffers financial hardship because of it, is ineligible to apply for public assistance to help support that child. This measure would allow these non-relative guardians who prevent children from becoming wards of the State to receive public assistance on behalf of the child.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2008.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing that is attached to

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this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3400, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3400, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.


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.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 3400, HD 2	HSP, JDL	3/13/08		
<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	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
Distribution:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes