

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **383**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1189

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.B. No. 1189 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAREGIVING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist grandparents who provide care for and raise their grandchildren.

Specifically, this measure makes an appropriation of \$24,000, for the Executive Office on Aging to assess the issues facing grandparents raising their grandchildren in Hawaii and their needs.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Health, two representative of Hawaii Aging Advocates Coalition, Kokua Council and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that a growing number of grandparents are primary caregivers for their grandchildren.

Your Committee further finds that the State lacks adequate data to formulate policies that would better support grandparent caregivers. This data is vital to ensure proper programming and assistance is made available and that the State collects reliable data with which to obtain a fair share of federal funding.

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 is in accord with the intent and

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purpose of S.B. No. 1189 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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
HSP

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1189	Committee Referral: HSP, WAM	Date: 2-8-07		
<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 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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