

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1196

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. 1196 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAREGIVING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make an appropriation to  
the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) to continue to coordinate a  
statewide system of family caregiver support.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health, the EOA, Hawaii Pacific Health,  
Hawaii Aging Advocates Coalition, Policy Advisory Board for Elder  
Affairs, Kokua Council, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that families, rather than institutions,  
are the primary providers of long-term care for older adults in  
the State. According to the EOA, in 2003, approximately  
twenty-one per cent of Hawaii's adult population provided care or  
assistance to a person age sixty or older. Caregivers are  
motivated to provide care to family members because of their  
family-oriented values, the preference of the elderly to remain at  
home with their families, and the high cost of institutional  
long-term care.

Under Act 262, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, the EOA is  
required to coordinate a statewide system of caregiver support  
services. Act 262 also appropriated \$80,000, to the EOA to  
coordinate a statewide system of family caregiver support



services. This measure would similarly enable the continuance of those support services.

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 purpose of S.B. No. 1196 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, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Human Services and Public Housing**  
**HSP**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1196</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HSP, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-8-07</b>		
<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 2312 <input 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)	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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