

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **387**

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 15 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1206

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. 1206 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAREGIVING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide respite care for caregivers of our elderly population.

Specifically, this measure appropriates an unspecified sum for each year of the 2007-2009 fiscal biennium, for the development and implementation of a pilot program to provide emergency and evening respite care for adults aged sixty and older with physical or cognitive disabilities.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Department of Health and the Executive Office on Aging, and Hawaii Aging Advocates Coalition.

Your Committee finds that respite care provides much needed temporary relief to caregivers to reduce the individual and family strain they experience on a daily basis. Respite care provides time for caregivers to attend to their own needs, attend classes to learn caregiving skills, participate in support groups, and attend to other business or unexpected emergencies.

Your Committee further finds that, respite services are short in supply and can be inaccessible to families due to eligibility requirements, social and cultural issues, and geographic and economic barriers.

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Your Committee further finds that the benefits of keeping families together and the growing number of our elder population merit the funding for the pilot program provided by this measure.

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. 1206 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.:* SB 1206	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 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	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes