

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2087

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 06 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2151  
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 S.B. No. 2151 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the long-term care ombudsman program by adding three additional ombudsman positions for each of the neighboring counties.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Maui County Executive on Aging, the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, the Hawaii Government Employees Association, ILWU Local 142, the Kokua Council, the National Association of Social Workers Hawaii Chapter, and three private citizens. Comments on the measure were submitted by the Executive Office on Aging.

Your Committee finds that the needs of Hawaii's long-term care residents are not being met and that there is a critical need for regular and consistent visits by the long-term care ombudsman to facilities that care for the elderly. Your Committee further finds that with additional ombudsmen, there will be an increase in training and better, more responsive monitoring of the various facilities statewide.

Your Committee has amended this measure by incorporating a comment made by the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) and adding the word "state" in three instances to the position title to read "state long-term care ombudsman", which is the official title of

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the position already established in the EOA, as distinguished from the three new local long-term care ombudsmen.

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. 2151, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2151, S.D. 1, 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.:* <i>SB 2151</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HSP, WAM</i>	Date: <i>1/29/08</i>		
<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	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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