

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2830  
S.D. 2

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2830, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAREGIVING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address a variety of issues relating to support for caregiving.

More specifically this measure:

- (1) Extends the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving;
- (2) Changes the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving's name to the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place;
- (3) Expands the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place's mandate to include aging in place issues related to family caregiving;
- (4) Requires the Aging and Disability Resource Center to report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place;
- (5) Requires the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place to develop a model for a cash and counseling project;



- (6) Permits the Kupuna Care Program to include overnight, weekend, and emergency respite, as well as to provide grants for caregivers and home modification;
- (7) Establishes a task force to focus on the needs and issues of grandparents raising grandchildren; and
- (8) Appropriates funds to:
  - (A) The Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place;
  - (B) The Kupuna Care Program; and
  - (C) The Executive Office on Aging to continue its respite inventory project in collaboration with the University of Hawaii.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Hawaii Aging Advocates Coalition, Kokua Council, American Association of Retired Persons, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and two individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Executive Office on Aging submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that as Hawaii's population ages, it is increasingly important to provide appropriate support and services to family caregivers so that they can continue to provide crucial assistance to elders. This measure takes a comprehensive approach to maintaining existing, as well as developing additional, family caregiver support and services.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Deleting section 8 of the measure containing an amendment to the General Appropriations Act of 2007 to provide that a portion of the funding be allocated to expanding the Kupuna Care program because the Committee intends to address funding for Kupuna Care expansion in the executive supplemental budget bill;
- (2) Adding that the sum appropriated in section 9 of the measure to address the Kupuna Care program waitlist will

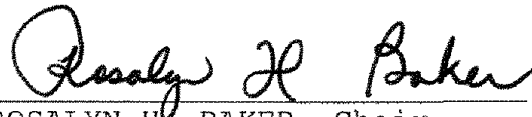


also be used for the expansion of the Kupuna Care program;

- (3) Deleting section 10 of the measure containing an amendment to the General Appropriations Act of 2007 to increase funding for the Executive Office on Aging, because any adjustments for fiscal year 2008-2009 will be addressed in the supplemental budget bill;
- (4) Renumbering remaining sections consecutively and making corresponding changes to the section numbers in section 16; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2830, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2830, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



