

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 926

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. 926 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Task Force on the Department of Aging to determine programs and services that will be under the jurisdiction of a new Department of Aging.

The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Hawaii Pacific Health, and Hawaii Centers for Independent Living submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Health submitted testimony in opposition.

Your Committee finds that in 2000, there were over two hundred seven thousand adults age sixty years and older in Hawaii, comprising seventeen per cent of Hawaii's population. This group is expected to comprise one third of Hawaii's population by the year 2020. Currently, the array of publicly funded programs and services for elders in such areas as Medicaid, Medicare, long-term care, and insurance are distributed across many state agencies and can be challenging for individuals to navigate. This measure would establish a task force to investigate whether it is more effective to focus state resources and services for Hawaii's older population under one department.

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. 926 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.:* <b>SB 926</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HSP, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-6-07</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: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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