

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3575

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 25

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 Ways and Means, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 25, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONVENING A TASK FORCE ON AGING
TO STUDY THE NEED FOR AND FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A
DEPARTMENT OF AGING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address the multi-faceted
needs of Hawaii's older population.

Specifically, this measure establishes a joint legislative
Task Force on Aging to study the need for, feasibility of, and
preliminary plans necessary for consolidating publicly-funded
programs and services that serve Hawaii's older population under
the jurisdiction of a new Department of Aging.

The Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs and Kohala Senior
Citizens Club submitted testimony in support of this measure. The
Executive Office on Aging submitted testimony in opposition to
this measure. The Occupational Therapy Association of Hawaii
submitted comments.

It is projected that nearly one-third of Hawaii's population
will be aged sixty or older by the year 2020. Currently, the
array of publicly-funded programs and services that serve Hawaii's
older population are scattered among various state, local, and
nonprofit agencies. This disparate system can be difficult for a
caregiver or care recipient to navigate, especially in a time of

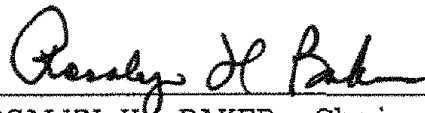
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crisis. Your Committee finds that the scope and magnitude of overlapping issues facing Hawaii's older population may necessitate department-level attention. This measure will investigate the feasibility of establishing a new Department of Aging to centralize these programs and services to address the multi-faceted needs of Hawaii's older population.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 25, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR25.SD1	Committee Referral: HSP, WAM	Date: 4/4/08		
<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
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred			/	
WHALEN, Paul	/			
TOTAL	9	0	1	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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