

Honolulu, Hawaii

January 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2198
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2198 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAREGIVING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to address the needs of Hawaii's population of grandparents raising grandchildren by establishing a task force to:

- (1) Review recent studies, testimony submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving, and other documents and data related to grandparents raising grandchildren; and
- (2) Submit a report to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the Regular Session of 2009.

The Executive Office on Aging, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Maui County Executive on Aging, and Hawaii Aging Advocates Coalition testified in support of this bill. The Department of Human Services supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Adding to the task force representatives from other agencies that work closely with kupuna or grandparents; and

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- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2198, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2198, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services &
Housing,



MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair



