

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1319

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1776
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1776, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the efficiency of enforcing the public assistance law with respect to inmates who are no longer eligible to receive public assistance.

More specifically, this measure requires:

- (1) The Department of Public Safety, beginning January 31, 2010, to provide the Department of Human Services with monthly reports listing newly admitted inmates;
- (2) The Department of Human Services to identify each inmate's current status regarding the receipt of public assistance;
- (3) The continuation of public assistance for the duration of the inmate's incarceration for inmates who are sentenced to incarceration in a public institution for not more than thirty days; and
- (4) That public assistance be terminated for inmates who are sentenced to incarceration in a public institution for more than thirty days.



Your Committee received one written comment on this measure. The written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that this measure will aid in preventing inmates from receiving public assistance that they are not entitled to and that reducing the time that an incarcerated inmate can receive public assistance is fiscally prudent and good public policy.

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 H.B. No. 1776, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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

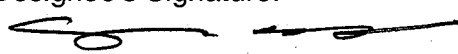


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
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| <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 |
| KIM, Donna Mercado (C) | / | | | |
| TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC) | / | | | |
| CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne | / | | | |
| ENGLISH, J. Kalani | | | | / |
| FUKUNAGA, Carol | / | | | |
| GALUTERIA, Brickwood | / | | | |
| HEE, Clayton | / | | | |
| HOOSER, Gary L. | / | | | |
| KIDANI, Michelle N. | / | | | |
| KOKUBUN, Russell S. | / | | | |
| TOKUDA, Jill N. | / | | | |
| HEMMINGS, Fred | | | | / |
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