

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1009

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 19, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1668

S.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 1668, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to combine the aid to the aged, blind, and disabled program and the general assistance program to create a single disability program that includes temporarily incapacitated persons along with aged, blind, and disabled persons and clarifies public assistance eligibility requirements.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, the Hawaii Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and one concerned individual. Testimony opposed to this measure was submitted by the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that creating a single disability benefits program for the aged, blind, disabled, and temporarily incapacitated will ensure that disability assistance continues to those who need it, regardless of the type of disability. Your Committee further finds that combining programs that provide assistance to the aged, blind, and disabled with the general assistance program will prevent disparities between the types of aid provided and eliminate difficulties in transferring funds between the two programs.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1668, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1468, SD2	Committee Referral: HUS, FIN	Date: 03/14/09		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MIZUNO, John M. (C)	/			
2. BROWER, Tom (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III				/
5. CARROLL, Mele				/
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
9. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (9)	7	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>Tom Brower</u>				
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