

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 256

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 739  
H.D. 1

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 H.B. No. 739 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to direct the allocation of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to provide for:

- (1) The provision of monthly cash benefits;
- (2) Employment training programs; and
- (3) Teenage pregnancy education programs.

The Department of Human Services (DHS), State Department of Defense, Office of Youth Services, Hawaii Youth Services Network, Hale Kipa, and many concerned individuals testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee emphasizes that DHS is in agreement with the intent and direction of this measure. DHS has made it clear that it is willing to negotiate with the involved stakeholders to ensure that funding is appropriately allocated.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill by:

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- (1) Indicating funding amounts for each provision;
- (2) Appropriating funds for two fiscal years;
- (3) Generally expanding the purposes for the original funding items in this bill;
- (4) Adding a new Part VI to:
  - (A) Transfer TANF funds to the Social Services Block Grant and Child Care Development Fund;
  - (B) Fund information systems costs related to the TANF program; and
  - (C) Provide for TANF administrative costs; and
- (5) 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 that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 739, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 739, H.D. 1, 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



