

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 11, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 745
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 745, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to remove the requirement for the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide an applicant an initial denial notice giving the applicant at least ten calendar days to provide additional medical evidence when a determination is made that an applicant does not have a qualifying disability.

DHS and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, National Association of Social Workers, and a concerned individual opposed this measure.

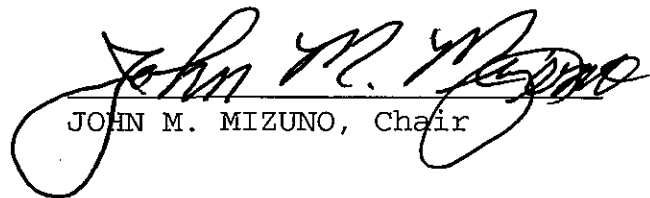
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Including an unspecified appropriation for general assistance to households without minor dependents;
- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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. 745, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 745, H.D. 2, 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



