

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

415

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1668

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 Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 1668 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ease the eligibility requirements for benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by two members of the Kauai County Council, fourteen private organizations, and ten individuals. Testimony in opposition was submitted by the Department of Human Services. Comments were submitted by Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee has heard both strong support for this measure and a number of concerns about the provisions of this measure. Your Committee understands that the interested stakeholders have met to discuss alternatives, and have come to some agreement regarding amended language, which your Committee has incorporated as outlined below.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and replacing the contents with language to:



- (1) Amend section 346-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to clarify the eligibility requirements for public assistance for aged, blind, disabled, and temporarily incapacitated persons;
- (2) Amend section 346-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to delete references to general assistance to households without minor dependents;
- (3) Amend section 346-72, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to clarify that applications for assistance apply to assistance for aged, blind, disabled, and temporarily incapacitated households;
- (4) Repeal section 346-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to general assistance;
- (5) Authorize the Director of Human Services, with the approval of the Governor, to expend funds for public assistance through the transfer of moneys from other programs under the purview of the Director of Human Services; and
- (6) Amend the effective date to July 1, 2050, for the purpose of encouraging further discussion.

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, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1668, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

  
SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 1668</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HMS, WAM</i>	Date: <i>no</i> <i>2/19/09</i>		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)				✓
GREEN, M.D., Josh	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"><i>Suzanne Chun Oakland</i></div>				
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