

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1175

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 25, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 1679
S.D. 2
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 Committees on Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 1679, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds from the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund to maintain the levels of services of programs determined to be essential to education, public health, and public welfare in the state.

The Department of Education, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Hawaii Family Support Institute, The Arc of Kauai, Easter Seals Hawaii, Maui Family Support Services, Inc., The Mestizo Association, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, AARP Hawaii, Hawaii Inspections Group, ILWU Local 142, Family Support Services of West Hawaii, Alternative Care Services, Inc., Lanakila Pacific, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Parents and Children Together, Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawaii Family Forum, Hawaii Catholic Conference, The Arc in Hawaii, Kokua Council, Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans, Family Voices of Hawaii, Hawaii Waiver Providers Association, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, Special Education Center of Hawaii, National Alliance on Mental Illness - Hawaii, Hawaii Down Syndrome Congress, Good Beginnings Alliance, Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc., Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii, Hawaii

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Primary Care Association, Child and Family Service, National Association of Social Workers, Waikiki Community Center, Oahu's Kupuna Care provider agencies, and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance opposed this measure. The American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific, Inc., submitted comments.

Your Committees have amended this bill by:

- (1) Appropriating funds for the:
 - (A) Hawaii Children's Health Care Program, established pursuant to Act 236, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007; and
 - (B) Hawaii Immigrant Health Initiative Program services administered by the Kalihi-Palama Health Center;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1679, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1679, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and Human
Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair


RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



