

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 18, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 160
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 160
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to meet the significant need for assistance for the elderly in Hawaii by providing additional funding for the Kupuna Care program. The goal of Kupuna Care is to give Hawaii's elderly population access to affordable and quality home- and community-based services that are client-centered and family-supportive, allowing the elderly to live with independence and dignity.

The Association for the Advancement of Retired Persons (AARP), National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Lanakila Pacific, ILWU Local 142, Catholic Charities Hawaii, and numerous concerned individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Executive Office on Aging supports the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Increasing the funds appropriated for Kupuna Care from \$2,963,411 to \$3.5 million for the fiscal year 2011-2012, and the same for the fiscal year 2012-2013;

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- (2) Adding meals for the elderly as a service encompassed by Kupuna Care; and
- (3) Referencing each of the programs to receive funding as part of the Kupuna Care appropriation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 160, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 160, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,


RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



