

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

989

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 2011

RE: S.C.R. No. 26
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 26 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A HAWAII STATE
FALL PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A
STATEWIDE APPROACH TO REDUCING FALLS AMONG OLDER ADULTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a
Hawaii State Fall Prevention and Early Detection Task Force to
develop a statewide approach to reducing falls among older adults.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging,
Department of Community Services of the City and County of
Honolulu, Maui County Office on Aging, University of Hawai'i Center
on Aging, Injury Prevention Advisory Committee, Policy Advisory
Board for Elder Affairs, Project Dana, Child & Family Service, and
seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this
measure from the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee finds that among the elderly in Hawaii, falls
are the leading cause of fatal injuries, injury-related
hospitalization, injury-related emergency room visits, and injury-
related emergency medical service calls. Your Committee further
finds that falls and fall-related injuries among older adults
impose an enormous burden on individuals, society, and Hawaii's
health care system.



Your Committee also finds that falls are largely preventable and are not an inevitable part of aging. Additionally, your Committee finds that the Hawaii State Fall Prevention and Early Detection Task Force proposed by this measure elevates fall prevention for older adults as a policy priority for the State by bringing together leadership and expertise from key agencies and organizations to determine the most effective means to prevent and reduce fall-related injuries and deaths.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Designating the Executive Office on Aging as the entity responsible for convening the Hawaii State Fall Prevention and Early Detection Task Force, rather than the University of Hawai'i Center on Aging;
- (2) Reducing the number of Task Force members to be appointed by the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives from five each to four; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 26, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 26, S.D. 1.

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


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SCR 26</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HMS, WAM</i>	Date: <i>3-10-11</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	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Les Ihara Jr.</i>				
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