

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 3, 2012

RE: H.C.R. No. 160

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 160 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON ASSET LIMITS TO QUALIFY
FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of
Human Services to conduct a study on asset limits for individuals
and families seeking to qualify for public assistance.
Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requests that the study include a review and evaluation
of information on practices, policies, and trends
regarding asset limits, and the applicability of asset
limits to the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance
Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
Program, Temporary Assistance to Other Needy Families
Program, and the MedQuest Program; and
- (2) Requests the Department of Human Services to consider
the cost implications related to changing these asset
limits and for the Department to submit a report of its
findings and any proposed legislation, including
recommendations for appropriate changes to asset limits,
to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the
convening of the Regular Session of 2013.



The Office of Hawaiian Affairs and a concerned individual supported the measure. The Department of Human Services offered comments on the measure.

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 H.C.R. No. 160 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



