

Honolulu, Hawaii

**February 28**, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 1375

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1375 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support employment and career advancement for welfare recipients by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Human Services to establish a task force to revise and restructure welfare payments to support career advancement for welfare recipients;
- (2) Re-establishing an exit and retention bonus program for recipients who voluntarily terminate benefits and remain off the benefit rolls; and
- (3) Appropriating an unspecified amount of funds to support the exit and retention bonus program.

Catholic Charities Hawaii testified in support of this measure. The Department of Human Services provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1375 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Luke', is written over a horizontal line.

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



