

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

730

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2013

RE: S.B. No. 1099
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1099, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELIMINATING THE ASSET LIMIT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to eliminate the asset limit for participants in the Temporary Assistance For Needy Families program (TANF).

Written comments in support of this measure were submitted by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Office of Community Services, the Department of Human Services, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, The Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, the Legal Aid Society, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the verification of assets is a very difficult, time-consuming, and ineffective method to deter fraud in the TANF program. Your Committee also finds that eliminating the asset limit requirement will not increase costs for the State, will enable the Department of Human Services to provide and service the public in a more efficient and effective manner, and will encourage families to build and increase their assets without fear of losing TANF benefits.



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to further discussion on the matter.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1099, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1099, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. ISE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1099, SD1	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 2-22-13		
<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
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
TOTAL	11	1	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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