

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 4, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1695
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1695 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Change the public assistance allowance to equal an unspecified percentage of the current poverty level established by the federal government; and
- (2) Amend the state supplemental payment for adult residential care homes, expanded adult residential care homes, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, and certified adult foster homes.

The United Group of Home Operators and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Human Services and Arc in Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests that should your Committee on Finance choose to consider this measure, the Committee make a recommendation as to what percentage the public



assistance allowance should be increased, and also provide an approximate cost for this 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1695, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1695, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


MELE CARROLL, Chair



