

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 11, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2290  
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. 2290 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to eliminate fluctuations and uncertainty in monthly benefit amounts paid to disabled adults under the General Assistance Program by:

- (1) Allowing the Department of Human Services to draw from other funds appropriated to the Department in the event the General Assistance appropriation is insufficient to maintain General Assistance benefit payments; and
- (2) Allowing the Director of Human Services to consider all funds appropriated to the Department when determining the monthly allowance for General Assistance.

The Department of Human Services and Legal Aid Society of Hawaii supported this bill.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2015, to facilitate discussion.



Your Committee notes that this measure is also referred to the Committee on Finance. Should the Committee on Finance consider this measure, your Committee is confident that the Committee on Finance will thoroughly examine the appropriateness of the bill's fiscal mechanisms to stabilize monthly benefit amounts under the General Assistance Program.

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. 2290, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2290, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

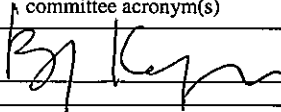
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services,



MELE CARROLL, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 2290	<b>Committee Referral:</b> HUS, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2/6/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CARROLL, Mele (C)	/			
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				/
4. CREAGAN, Richard	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
6. JORDAN, Jo	/			
7. MORIKAWA, Dee	/			
8. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	/			
9. WOODSON, Justin H.				/
10. FUKUMOTO, Beth	/			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>2</b>
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____ 				
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