

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEBRUARY 11, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2291
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. 2291 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERIM ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT SPECIAL FUND;"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to eliminate fluctuations in the amount of General Assistance payments made to disabled individuals by:

- (1) Establishing the Interim Assistance Reimbursement Special Fund, which will allow the Department of Human Services to retain interim assistance reimbursements received for a prior fiscal year, as opposed to the current requirement that these funds be deposited into the general fund;
- (2) Authorizing the Department to expend Interim Assistance Reimbursement funds for State-funded financial assistance payments and programs that support and assist recipients to qualify for Social Security Income; and
- (3) Appropriating funds for specified assistance programs.

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



Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate discussion. Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2291, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2291, 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

Bill/Resolution No.: HB2291	Committee Referral: HUS, FIN	Date: 2/6/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <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	/			
TOTAL (10)	8			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">_____</div>				
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