

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

208

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1217
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 1217 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the monthly personal needs allowance paid for individuals living in certain care facilities from \$50 to \$75.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Self-Advocacy Advisory Council, and ten individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Human Services.

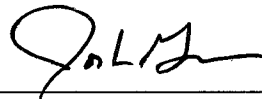
Your Committee finds that the State provides a personal needs allowance for individuals residing in foster homes, care homes, domiciliary homes, and other long-term care facilities. The personal needs allowance allows recipients to purchase clothing, toiletries, and meals and cover other day-to-day living expenses. Your Committee further finds that the personal needs allowance was last increased in 2007 and has not kept up with the State's high cost of living.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting a blank amount that is specified per month for the needs allowance.



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 S.B. No. 1217, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1217, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1217	HMS, WAM	02/08/17		
<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
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene				✓
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes