

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 761

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 536
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 536 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Health for a fall prevention and early detection coordinator position.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association, AARP Hawaii, ILWU Local 142, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that falls are among the leading causes of hospitalization and severe injury among the elderly and cause an average of eighty-five deaths, 1,960 hospitalizations, and eight thousand seven hundred emergency room visits each year. These accidents result in almost \$1,200,000 in hospital and physician charges. Your Committee further finds that access to fall prevention services and programs would significantly reduce costs associated with falls. Your Committee also believes that continued support of these programs ultimately results in longer, healthier lives for the State's aging population.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Changing the amount appropriated for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, respectively, from \$95,000 to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

Your Committee intends to consider including an appropriation for the fall prevention and early detection coordinator position in the General Appropriation Act of 2017.

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. 536, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 536, S.D. 1.

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

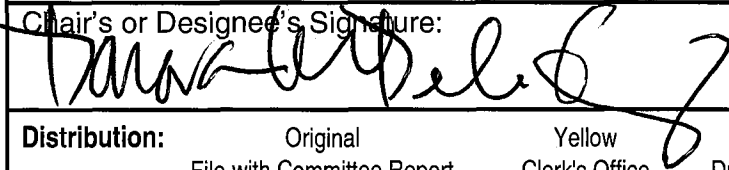


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 536	Committee Referral: CPH/HMS, WAM	Date: 2/23/17		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (VC)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			/
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			/
TOTAL	9			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