

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 546

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 02 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 36

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.C.R. No. 36 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO
CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT
OF HUMAN SERVICES' IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL
NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Auditor to conduct a management audit of the State of Hawaii
Department of Human Services' implementation of the Supplemental
Nutrition Assistance Program.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from the Department of Human Services. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that due to Hawaii's high cost of living
and food prices, many low-income individuals and families struggle
to purchase food. The Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
Program is a crucial means of providing necessary assistance in
the purchase of food for some of Hawaii's most disadvantaged
citizens. However, many individuals who are eligible to
participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program do
not participate because they are unaware of their eligibility or
of the program's existence. Finding ways to maximize the
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in the State will ensure



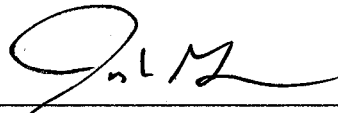
that those qualified individuals receive the assistance they need to purchase food.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that requests the Auditor to examine the total utilization and total capacity of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in Hawaii;
- (2) Inserting language that requests the Auditor to examine ways to maximize the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in Hawaii; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 36, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 36, S.D. 1.

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
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SCR 36	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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