

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

503

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 17, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1514
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1514 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the monthly needs allowance for individuals residing in foster homes, care homes, domiciliary homes, and other long-term care facilities specified under section 346D-4.5(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, from \$50 per month to \$75 per month.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Arc of Kona; Self-Advocacy Advisory Council, Kauai Chapter; and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Human Services (DHS) and Department of Health commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the amount of the monthly needs allowance to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2075, to encourage further discussion.

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Should the Committee on Finance further deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider increasing the amount of the monthly needs allowance to \$65 per month. According to DHS, the current appropriation is able to cover an increase in the monthly needs allowance from \$50 per month to \$65 per month; however, should there be an increase of four clients over the projected client population of 2,738 clients, expenditures will exceed the State Supplemental Payment appropriation.

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. 1514, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1514, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



DEE MORIKAWA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold
 Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MORIKAWA, Dee (C)	/			
2. TODD, Chris (VC)	/			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	/			
4. HAR, Sharon E.				/
5. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
6. OSHIRO, Marcus R.	/			
7. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.	/			
TOTAL (7)	6	0	0	1

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____
