Honolulu, Hawaii

March I, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2204 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2018 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2204, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Human Services to establish a task force to develop a restructured welfare payment system to incentivize recipients to pursue increasingly remunerative work; and
- (2) Re-establish the exit and retention bonus program, which encourages welfare recipients to transition back into the workforce.

Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, Mental Health America of Hawaii, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and a few individuals supported this measure. The Department of Human Services offered comments for this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your

Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2204, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2204 HD	Committee Refer		N	Date:	123/	2018
☐ 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)						
FIN Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)		Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)		~				
2. CULLEN, Ty J.K. (VC)		<u> </u>				
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.						
4. DeCOITE, Lynn						<u></u>
5. FUKUMOTO, Beth						
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega			· · ·			
7. HOLT, Daniel						
8. KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett						
9. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand						
10. LOWEN, Nicole E.						<u> </u>
11. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.					<u> Paris de la como de</u>	
12. TODD, Chris						
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.					n e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	
14. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.						
15. WARD, Gene					and the second	
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TOTAL (15)		9	Ø		Ø	6
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)						
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:						
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