

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 539

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. 539 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELDERLY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make financial exploitation of an elder by a caregiver a felony.

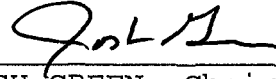
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Police Department, Lanakila Pacific, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that financial exploitation is a fast growing form of elder abuse. Financial exploitation occurs when a person misuses or takes the assets of an elderly victim for that person's own personal benefit. While state laws and various services protect vulnerable adults, including the elderly, providing an additional mechanism against financial exploitation will further protect the elderly and ensure that they are financially safe.

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. 539 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.



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

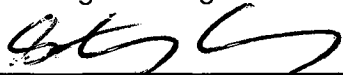


JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 539	HMS, JDL	1/27/17		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input 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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