

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

903

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2019

RE: S.R. No. 6

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.R. No. 6 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO INCREASE THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR RECEIVING CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Human Services to adjust the copayment under the Child Care Connection Hawaii program to a maximum of ten percent of family income spending on child care and create a three-level sliding scale for copayments based on the amount of the families' income.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Children's Action Network and O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that many families in Hawaii are forced to choose between a paycheck and child care. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Human Services allows for child care cost reimbursement under the Child Care Connection Hawaii program. However, Hawaii has among the highest average costs of child care and the current child care copayment ratio in Hawaii is the worst in the nation, at up to nineteen percent of



the family income spending on child care. Your Committee finds that increasing the eligibility criteria for receiving child care subsidies would allow parents to secure stable employment and improve their families' financial wellbeing.

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.R. No. 6 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



RUSSELL E. RUDERMAN, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SR 6	HMS, WAM	2/20/2019		
<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
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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