

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1142

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 1142 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve the Kupuna Caregivers Program by providing additional options for caregivers to support their loved ones, especially during the hardship placed on families during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging, Department of Health, Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, AARP Hawaii, Adult Day Centers Hawaii, Alzheimer's Association, Faith Action for Community Equity, and thirteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that in 2017 the legislature established the kupuna caregivers program in the executive office on aging to focus on working caregivers and provide assistance to enable them to remain in the workforce. Your Committee also finds that the hardships imposed on families during the COVID-19 pandemic require some flexibility in the Kupuna Caregivers Program. Accordingly, your Committee finds that to meet kupuna caregivers' needs during this health crisis, the work eligibility requirement during a governor-proclaimed state of emergency must be refined; Kupuna



Caregiver-Directed services should be added as an option; and a financial management service provider who is responsible for financial payments on behalf of participants enrolled in the Kupuna Caregiver-Directed program should also be added to the program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing unemployed qualified caregivers from inclusion in the kupuna care and caregivers support services work eligibility program, during a governor-proclaimed state of emergency;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of May 1, 2029; 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1142, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1142, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

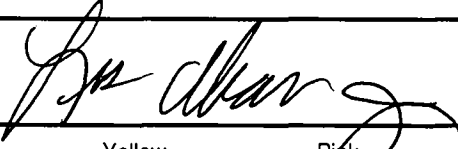


JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1142	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 02/11/2021		
<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
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura	✓			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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