

Honolulu, Hawaii
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RE: H.B. No. 1774
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1774 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a silver alert program within the Department of Law Enforcement to help locate and safeguard missing persons who are sixty-five years of age or older, cognitively impaired, or developmentally disabled.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Law Enforcement; Department of Transportation; Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Executive Office on Aging; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Alzheimer's Association; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Papa Ola Lokahi; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; UNITE HERE! Local 5; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.



Your Committee finds that more than half of states nationwide have established silver alert programs modeled after the AMBER Alert program. Your Committee additionally finds that there are many emergency situations in which the use of a silver alert program could help save the lives of those who are elderly, have cognitive impairments, or are developmentally disabled.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$250,000.

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. 1774, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1774, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



LISA MARTEN, Chair



