

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1772

H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1772, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the Department of Health's Senior Fall Prevention Campaign.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Disability and Communication Access Board, AARP Hawai'i, Alzheimer's Association-Aloha Chapter, Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Hawaii State Teachers Association-Retired, and three individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that fall related injuries disproportionately impact the State's elderly population, often resulting in a long-term disability. Your Committee further finds that this impacts their quality of life and puts a strain on the State's medical system, rehabilitation system, and family caregivers. This measure appropriates funds to the Department of Health's successful Senior Fall Prevention Program to reduce the



incidence of preventable falls and safeguard the health and safety of the State's seniors.

Your Committee notes that this measure contains an appropriation for an unspecified amount. Your Committee further notes that this measure, as introduced, contained an appropriation amount of \$100,000. Accordingly, should your Committee on Ways and Means choose to deliberate on this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider inserting this original appropriation amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1772, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



