

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1780

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 244
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 244, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys for the Department of Human Services to collaborate with contracted community-based organizations to address the State's social services needs.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Youth Services Network, Easterseals Hawaii, Community Alliance on Prisons, Parents and Children Together, Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition, Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center, Child and Family Service, Hawaii Foodbank, Hawaii Community Foundation, Hawaii Public Health Institute, Hawaii True Cost Coalition, numerous other organizations, and five individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.


Your Committee finds that the State's community-based organizations provide childcare, workforce training, homelessness



services, mental health services, and other valuable assistance. The moneys appropriated by this measure will help ensure that vulnerable populations in the State continue to have access to these services, regardless of any federal budget changes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 244, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

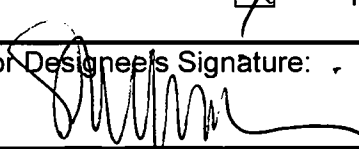
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB244 HD1 SD1	HHS, WAM	4/3/25		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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