

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

724

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 474

H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 474
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the
Department of Health for the Fall Prevention and Early Detection
Coordinator position established by Act 153, Session Laws of
Hawaii 2014.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Executive Office on Aging; AARP Hawai'i; and one
individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from
the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that falls among adults aged sixty-five
and older are the leading cause of injury death for individuals in
that age group. Your Committee further finds that Act 153,
Session Laws of Hawaii 2014 (Act 153), established and
appropriated funds for a Fall Prevention and Early Detection
Coordinator position within the Department of Health's Emergency
Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch. Your
Committee believes that appropriating funds to address fall
prevention will ensure safety and well-being of the State's older
residents.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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

Your Committee notes the testimony of the Department of Health before your Committee, which stated that a full-time equivalent position dedicated to addressing fall prevention already exists within the Department of Health's Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch and that the funds appropriated by this measure may be better used to assist the existing Fall Prevention and Early Detection Coordinator in enhancing and expanding statewide programs and services that address fall prevention.

Accordingly, your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation of \$100,000 for the existing position and removing language specifying that the funds appropriated by this measure be used specifically for the Fall Prevention and Early Detection Coordinator position established by Act 153.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 474, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 474, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,




GREG YAMAYAMA, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 474	Committee Referral: HLT, FIN	Date: Feb 2, 2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	X			
2. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L. (VC)	X			
3. AMATO, Terez	X			
4. CHUN, Cory M.	X			
5. MARTEN, Lisa	X			
6. OLDS, Ikaika	X			
7. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna	X			
8. ALCOS III, David	X			
9. GARCIA, Diamond				X
TOTAL (9)	8			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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