

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 933
S.D. 2
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 Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 933, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide one-time nonrecurring grants to organizations that provide critical services in the public interest and for the public's health, safety, and general welfare, in accordance with chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Energy Office; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management; Responsive Caregivers of Hawaii; Aloha United Way; Full Life; Haleakalā Conservancy; Neighborhood Place of Puna; Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Child & Family Service; Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i; Hawai'i True Cost Coalition; The Legal Clinic; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Friends of Amy B. H. Greenwell Ethnobotanical Garden; Easterseals Hawaii; Hawai'i Community Foundation; Hawai'i Meals on Wheels; Parents and Children Together; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary; Spirit Horse Ranch, Inc.; Hawai'i State Rural Health Association;

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What Makes You Feel Beautiful; Hawai'i Foodbank; Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council; African American Diversity Cultural Center Hawaii; Goodwill Hawaii; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Donkey Mill Art Center; Hawai'i Council for the Humanities; Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations, including a sign-on letter from numerous community-based organizations; Hawai'i Farmers Union; Hawaiian Humane Society; The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; Kumukahi Health + Wellness; Ka'ala Farm Inc.; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that the federal funding freeze imposed by the United States Office of Management and Budget may have detrimental effects on Hawaii's nonprofit sector, which provides critical services in health and human services. Without assistance from the federal government, Hawaii's federally qualified health centers as well as programs that provide child care, social services, subsidized housing, and homeless services will see a significant drop in funding. Therefore, your Committee finds that the funds appropriated through this measure are necessary to ensure that crucial public services are maintained for the benefit of the State's residents.

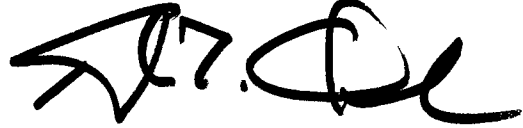
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 933, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 933, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



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



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



