STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1796

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 4 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1477

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. 1477, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the domiciliary care rates for certain providers and to clarify that the needs allowance and the domiciliary care rates are included in the State supplemental payment ceiling amounts.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities, and Easterseals Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the Social Security Administration issues to eligible recipients a single monthly payment, which combines supplemental security income and the State supplemental payment, including the personal needs allowance for the individual and a domiciliary care rate for the provider. Your Committee further finds that this measure aims to increase domiciliary care rates for certain providers and to clarify that both the needs allowances and domiciliary care rates are part of the State supplement payment ceiling amounts.

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. 1477, 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, Char

The Senate Thirty-Third Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:* HBI477 HDI 901	Committee Referral:			Date: 4/2/2025	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)		X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)		×			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.		×			
DECOITE, Lynn		X X X X X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.		×			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.		X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.		X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo		X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	· 	×			
KIM, Donna Mercado		X			
LEE, Chris		X			
WAKAI, Glenn		×			
FEVELLA, Kurt					
TOTAL	<u> </u>	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
Distribution: Original Yellow Pink Goldenrod					
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