

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

961

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 244
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 H.B. No. 244, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide increased funding for the Department of Human Services to collaborate with contracted community-based organizations to address the need for social services in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Easterseals Hawaii; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; YWCA of Kaua'i; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; Parents And Children Together; Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Community Alliance on Prisons; Hawai'i True Cost Coalition; The Institute for Human Services, Inc; Aloha United Way; Child & Family Service; EPIC 'Ohana; Goodwill Hawaii; The Mediation Center of the Pacific, Inc.; Lanakila Pacific; Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.; Partners in Development Foundation; Responsive Caregivers of Hawaii; Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i; Spirit Horse Ranch; YMCA of Honolulu; AlohaCare; Partners in Care - O'ahu Continuum of Care; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Share Your Mana; Hawaii


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Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; U.S.VETS Wai'anae; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Hawaii Coalition for Child Protective Reform.

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 H.B. No. 244, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



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