

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2198

H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2198, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAREGIVING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to address the needs of grandparents raising their grandchildren by establishing the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force (Task Force) to:

- (1) Review recent reports and documents on the issue; and
- (2) Submit reports to the 2009 Legislature.

The Executive Office on Aging, Hawaii Aging Advocates Coalition, Maui County Executive on Aging, and several individuals testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

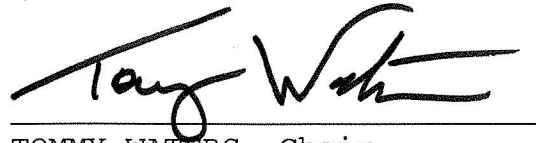
- (1) Inserting a defective date of January 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



Your Committee respectfully requests the Committee on Finance to consider the need for an appropriation and the appropriateness of placing the Task Force within an agency for logistical support.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2198, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2198, H.D. 2.

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



TOMMY WATERS, Chair



