

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3427

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2520
H.D. 3
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2520, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAREGIVERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support family caregivers by establishing a working group to explore various funding mechanisms that could potentially support family caregivers.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Retail Merchants of Hawaii, the Representative of the 38th Representative District, and two individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. The National Federation of Independent Businesses submitted testimony in opposition to this measure. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Hawaii Government Employees Association, Koikea Construction & Consultants, Inc., and Building Industry Association of Hawaii submitted comments.

According to a recent needs assessment, more than twenty-five per cent of Hawaii's households have at least one individual providing informal, unpaid care for an adult aged sixty or older with physical or cognitive disabilities. This percentage is expected to increase as Hawaii's population ages. The needs assessment also revealed that family caregivers have lower than expected income and that caregiving has negatively affected the employment of one quarter of family caregivers. Your Committee finds that efforts must be made to find an appropriate means of

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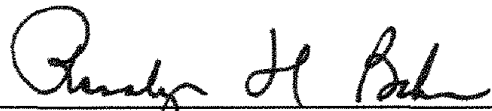
providing financial support to family caregivers so that they can continue to provide essential caregiving services to their family members.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the working group reports to the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place and ceases to exist on June 30, 2009;
- (2) Clarifying that the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in Place, in lieu of the working group, shall submit a report to the Legislature prior to the 2009 Regular Session; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2520, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2520, H.D. 3, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>HB2520, HD3, SD1</i>	<i>HSP/JDL, WAM</i>	<i>4/1/08</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
MENOR, Ron	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred	/			
WHALEN, Paul	/			
TOTAL	<i>12</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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