

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2770  
H.D. 1  
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. 2770, H.D. 1; S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BRIDGE TO HOPE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the eligibility requirements for the Bridge to Hope program.

The bill also expands the program to enable all heads of households who are receiving financial assistance and participating in the First to Work program to pursue a full range of educational activities as part of their work activities.

Specifically, this measure expands the Bridge to Hope program to allow temporary assistance for needy families program participants to use the expanded education options that participants in the temporary assistance for other needy families currently use.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, the University of Hawaii, the University of Hawaii Bridge to Hope, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that expanding the education options to enable all heads of households who are receiving financial assistance and participating in the First to Work program is



consistent with the State's intention to include education and training as one of the pathways to economic self-sufficiency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity 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. 2770, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2770, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.


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

  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HB2770, HD1, SD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HSP, WAM</i>	Date: <i>3/28/08</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	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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