

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

724

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1107

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1107 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation of \$2,514,822 to the Department of Human Services to support the general assistance program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that the general assistance program provides food, shelter, clothing, and other essentials to some of our State's most vulnerable residents. Your Committee also finds that the general assistance program does not have the funds to continue offering payments to individuals at the current level, up to \$348 per month, through the end of the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2014-2015. Without an emergency appropriation, the general assistance program will either need to drastically reduce payments to recipients through the end of the fiscal year, or in March 2015, the program will need to stop all payments for the remainder of the fiscal year. Your Committee believes that the general assistance program provides critical financial assistance to low-income and disabled recipients and that any reduction or stoppage of payments would place a major burden on those persons.



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 S.B. No. 1107 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



---

JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**

*[Handwritten signature]*  
**WAM**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1107</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/24/15</b>
---	-----------------------------------	-------------------------

The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     
 Pass, with amendments 2311     
 Hold 2310     
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene				✓
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

Recommendation:     
 Adopted     
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  
*[Handwritten signature]*

Distribution:     
Original      Yellow      Pink      Goldenrod  
File with Committee Report      Clerk's Office      Drafting Agency      Committee File Copy

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes