

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1487

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1432  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1

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 H.B. No. 1432, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INTERIM ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT SPECIAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide moneys for state-funded financial assistance payments and for programs that support and assist recipients to qualify for supplemental security income.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Establishes the interim assistance reimbursement special fund, into which will be deposited reimbursements received from the United States Social Security Administration on behalf of recipients who have been retroactively approved for supplemental security income after receiving state-funded interim assistance payments;
- (2) Appropriates moneys from the general fund to the special fund; and
- (3) Appropriates moneys out of the special fund for purposes of the measure.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; the Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; and Protecting Hawaii's Ohana, Children, Under Served, Elderly and Disabled.

Your Committee finds that, due to the average length of time for an initial supplemental security income determination, the Department of Human Services often does not receive the federal interim assistance reimbursement in the same fiscal year in which the state-funded benefits were paid. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Human Services is not allowed to retain interim assistance reimbursements received for a prior fiscal year and, instead, is required to deposit these reimbursements into the general fund. Your Committee believes that, by establishing the interim assistance reimbursement special fund, this measure will help obviate the Department of Human Services' need to reduce or terminate monthly allotments and will help prevent future requests by the Department for emergency appropriations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that, as this measure moves into Conference, consideration should be given as to whether other potential alternatives are available to separate out the interim assistance reimbursements from the general fund, without creating a special fund.

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. 1432, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1432, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

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



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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*   | Committee Referral:   | Date:                                 |                                  |         |
| HB1432, HD2   | HSH, WAM  | 04/06/15                              |                                  |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____ |   |                                       |                                  |         |
| The Recommendation is:  |   |                                       |                                  |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended<br>2312  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments<br>2311 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hold<br>2310 |                                  |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit<br>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   |   |                                       | ✓                                |         |
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| Recommendation:   |   |                                       |                                  |         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted  |   |                                       |                                  |         |
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