

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 16

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 02 2017

RE: S.B. No. 537

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.B. No. 537 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services to create one full-time equivalent program specialist position within the Adult Protective and Community Services Branch to oversee the foster grandparent program and senior companion programs in Maui County.

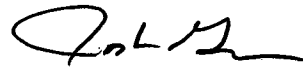
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that the foster grandparent program and senior companion program provide income eligible seniors with an opportunity to actively age by mentoring exceptional and special needs children and providing companionship and assistance to frail and isolated older adults. However, there is a lack of adequate staffing to serve the approximately 11,000 seniors with chronic conditions living in Maui County who could benefit from services from a senior companion. Having a program specialist position based in Maui County will provide program support to the foster parent program and the senior companion program, including developing senior volunteers and recruiting and supporting volunteer stations to coordinate assignments in school settings and for home-bound seniors.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 537 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,




JOSH GREEN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
HMS

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 537	Committee Referral: HMS, WAM	Date: 1/27/17		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, Josh (C)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley (VC)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes