

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 276
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 Human Services and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 276 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELDER AND VULNERABLE ADULTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to strengthen elder and vulnerable adult care and plan for the future needs of the State's kupuna by creating the Hawaii kupuna trust fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, Maui County Office on Aging, and AARP Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that establishing a Hawaii kupuna trust fund would support Hawaii's kupuna by utilizing public and private funding to meet overdue needs and prepare for future responsibilities to protect the State's elder and vulnerable adults. As examples, grants awarded from the trust fund would help prevent elder abuse and neglect, avoid financial exploitation of kupuna, and assist residents in elderly housing facilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the oversight authority for the Hawaii kupuna trust fund from the Department of Budget and Finance to the Department of Health; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 276, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 276, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee, on Ways and Means.

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


SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
GREEN, Josh (VC)	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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