

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 900

H.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 900, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FRAUD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to strengthen the State's ability to prosecute individuals who fraudulently obtain medical assistance.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that this measure will allow for more effective prosecution of applicants who fraudulently obtain medical assistance paid for by the State. Existing law could be interpreted to apply only to fraud committed by health care providers, and not to fraud committed by individual recipients of medical assistance benefits. This measure will make it clear that the law also applies to fraud committed by individual recipients and enable prosecutors to commence actions for medical assistance fraud beyond the three-year statute of limitations established by section 701-108(2), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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 H.B.



No. 900, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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

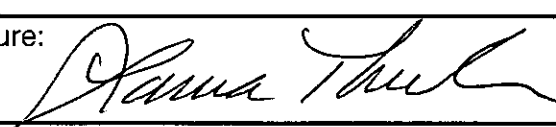
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SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 900 HD2	HMS, JDL	3/15/16		
<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"/> Reccommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	/			/
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	/			
GREEN, Josh	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene				/
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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