

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1538

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 29, 2007

RE: H.C.R. No. 193

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 193 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF LANGUAGE ACCESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to request the Governor to establish the Office of Language Access (Office) to provide accessible language services to limited English proficient persons. The Office was created and funded by the Legislature in Act 290 during the Regular Session of 2006, but the funds have not yet been released nor the Office established.

Na Loio - Immigrant Rights and Public Interest Legal Center testified in support of this concurrent resolution. The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 193 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



KARL RHOADS, Acting Chair and
Vice Chair



