

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1379

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23, 2007

RE: S.B. No. 820
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 820,
S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the range of
options in residential alternatives available to persons with
developmental disabilities or mental retardation.

Specifically, this measure extends the timeframe for the
State Council on Developmental Disabilities to plan for and
implement services for that segment of the population to live in
the least restrictive, individually appropriate residential
environment of their choice. In addition, the measure requires
the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to submit a
progress report and a final report to the Legislature in 2008 and
2009, respectively.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities and the
Hawaii Disability Rights Center submitted testimony in support of
this measure.

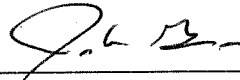
Your Committee finds that persons with developmental
disabilities or mental retardation, with support and consideration
for their safety and well-being, can be successful in living
independently in the community and not only in an adult
residential care home, adult foster home, or domiciliary home.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 820, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



JOSHUA B. GREEN, M.D., Chair



