

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 776
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Affordable Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 776 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TICKET SALES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit ticket brokers
from charging a fee when using a credit card to purchase a ticket
without first disclosing to a consumer that a fee will be charged.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from one individual. The Office of Consumer Protection provided
comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that disclosure is a basic tenet of
consumer protection and consumers should be aware of any
additional fees being charged prior to any transaction. This
measure will prohibit ticket brokers from charging a fee for the
use of a credit card without first disclosing the fee.

Your Committee has amended this measure to require ticket
brokers to refund any service fee the consumer has paid when the
event for which the ticket was purchased is canceled.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing
that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with
the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 776, as amended herein, and
recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto

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as H.B. No. 776, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Affordable
Housing,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



