

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 447 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2297
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2297 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide better services for Hawaii's residents at the county level by appropriating funds to establish a Blue Ribbon Committee to reorganize the City and County of Honolulu into two counties.

The Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu opposed this bill. A concerned individual offered comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by adding a provision allowing the Blue Ribbon Committee, at its discretion, to consider separation of the City and County of Honolulu into three or more counties, provided that the Blue Ribbon Committee uses the same criteria and develops a similar implementation plan as specified in the bill for separation into two counties.

Your Committee has also made technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

HB2297 HD1 HSCR JUD HMS 2008-2025



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2297, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2297, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



TOMMY WATERS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2297	Committee Referral: JUD, FIN	Date: 2/8/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WATERS, Tommy (C)	✓			
2. OSHIRO, Blake K. (VC)				✓
3. EVANS, Cindy		✓		
4. GREEN, Josh, M.D.		✓		
5. ITO, Ken	/			
6. LUKE, Sylvia		✓		
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
8. MORITA, Hermina M.				✓
9. SONSON, Alex M.	/		BA	
10. SOUKI, Joseph M.		✓		
11. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
12. YAMANE, Ryan I.		✓		
13. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
14. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	✓			
15. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
16. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (16)	8	5		3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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