

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 997 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 839
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 839
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO BEACHES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to continue to ensure the rights
of the public to access the shoreline areas of the State for
recreational and cultural purposes by appropriating funds for the
surveying and mapping of all existing public access ways to
shorelines throughout the State.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Windward Ahupua'a Alliance,
Kuli'ou'ou/Kalani Iki Neighborhood Board #2, Surfrider Foundation
Maui Chapter, Beach Access Hawaii, Sierra Club Oahu Group, and
numerous individuals testified in support of this bill. The
Department of Land and Natural Resources and a concerned
individual testified in opposition to this measure. KAHEA The
Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance and a concerned individual
submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Clarifying that the appropriation for the surveying and
mapping of public access ways to shorelines is for the
2008-2009 Fiscal Year;

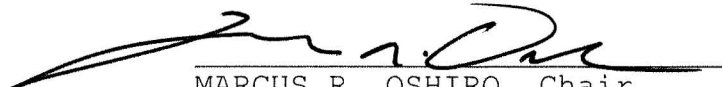
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- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 839, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 839, H.D. 1.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



