

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1406 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 27, 2008

RE: H.R. No. 209

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, to which was referred H.R. No. 209 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO WAIVE SINGLE STATE AGENCY REQUIREMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS UNDER THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the United States Congress to enact legislation to waive the requirement that a single state agency administer funds under the Homeland Security Grant Program.

This measure also requests the United States Congress to provide state legislatures with authority to approve the allocation of funds under the Homeland Security Grant Program.

Testimony in support of this measure was offered by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives.

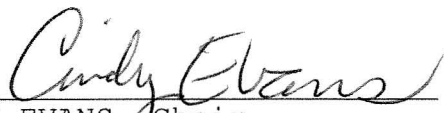
Your Committee finds that the requirement that a single state agency control the application and allocation of funds under the Homeland Security Grant Program is misplaced because it grants considerable discretion to one state agency for the allocation of funds. This permits no oversight by the state legislature which, as the policy making branch of government, traditionally determines how financial resources should be allocated.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 209 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety &  
Military Affairs,

  
CINDY EVANS, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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**Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HR 209</b>	Committee Referral: <b>PSM, FIN</b>	Date: <b>3/20/08</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
PSM Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. EVANS, Cindy (C)	✓			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)				✓
3. LEE, Marilyn B.	✓			
4. LUKE, Sylvia				✓
5. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
6. NAKASONE, Bob				✓
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				✓
8. SONSON, Alex M.	✓			
9. SOUKI, Joseph M.				✓
10. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	✓			
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.				✓
12. FINNEGAN, Lynn	✓			
13. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
<b>TOTAL (13)</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u>          <i>Marilyn B. Lee</i>          </u>				
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