

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1583

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 29, 2007

RE: S.B. No. 755  
S.D. 1  
H.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 Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 755, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the independence and impartiality of county ethics commissioners by establishing standards and a process for their selection.

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee understands the importance of this bill's intent to distance the appointment of county ethics commissioners from the county mayors and the county councils whose actions and conduct the commissioners will oversee. However, your Committee is concerned that designation of an "independent body," without further specifications or requirements as to how that body itself is selected, may result in delaying the favorable result this measure seeks.

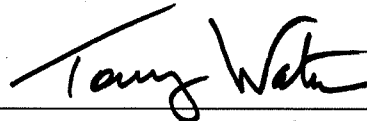
Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2112, to promote further discussion.

SB755 HD1 HSCR JUD HMS 2007-3190



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 S.B. No. 755, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 755, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



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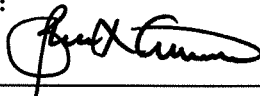
TOMMY WATERS, Chair



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The Twenty-fourth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 755 SD1 (SSCR 782)		Date: 3/15/07		
Committee Referral: JUD		<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.		
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WATERS, Tommy (C)	/			
2. OSHIRO, Blake K. (VC)	/			
3. CALDWELL, Kirk	/			
4. EVANS, Cindy	/			
5. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	/			
6. ITO, Ken				/
7. LUKE, Sylvia				/
8. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				/
9. MORITA, Hermina M.	/			
10. SONSON, Alex M.				/
11. SOUKI, Joseph M.				/
12. TSUJI, Clift	/			
13. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				/
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	/			
16. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	/			
17. THIELEN, Cynthia				/
TOTAL	10			7
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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