

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2799

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2129

S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 2129, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELDER AFFAIRS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure the recommendations  
and positions of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs  
(Board) are disseminated unaltered and unedited.

Specifically, this measure prohibits the Director of the  
Executive Office on Aging from altering, editing, or withholding  
any work product issued by the Board because that work product is  
inconsistent with the recommendations or positions of the  
Administration.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from the  
Hawai'i Alliance for Retired Americans, the Chair of the Policy  
Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, and a concerned citizen. The  
Executive Office on Aging submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that the recommendations and positions  
of the Board reflect the unique interests of the aging as a group.  
Undoubtedly, the Legislature, in establishing policy and law for  
the aging, could benefit from these recommendations and positions.  
Furthermore, this benefit would ultimately inure to the people and  
families of the State, including the aging. Your Committee finds  
that this may be accomplished if the Board were allowed to  
communicate directly to the Legislature.

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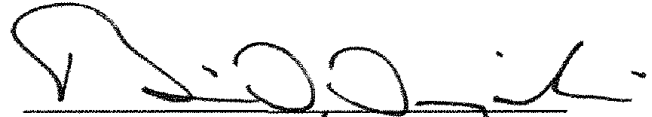


Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Giving the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs the authority to directly testify before the Legislature on any matter related to its duties and responsibilities; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to ensure further discussion and consideration.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2129, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2129, S.D. 2.

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



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Judiciary and Labor**  
**JDL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2129 SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HSP, JDL</b>	Date: <b>2/25/08</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T. (C)	/			
HEE, Clayton (VC)				/
GABBARD, Mike	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				/
SLOM, Sam	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Russell S. Koko</div>				
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