

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 200
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 200, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO
CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE HAWAII
CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to
conduct a financial and management audit of the Hawaii Centers for
Independent Living.

Testimony in support of this measure was received from the
Disability and Communication Access Board, the Affordable Housing
and Homeless Alliance, and seven private individuals. The
Department of Human Services and one private individual submitted
comments.

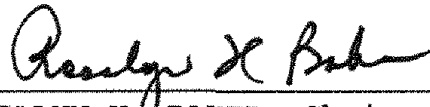
Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Centers for Independent
Living, a nonprofit organization that receives federal and state
funds to help individuals with disabilities achieve independence,
faces serious allegations of mismanagement, misappropriation of
state funds, failure to perform all of the duties under contract
with the State, and a breach of fiduciary duty by its board of
directors and officers. Your Committee further finds that these
allegations set forth compelling reasons for an audit, and that an
audit would help determine any necessary corrections of the
actions of the Centers and ensure the provision of the services
needed for the health and well-being of Hawaii's citizens.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 200, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



