

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 569

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 20, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1379
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1379 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHYSICIAN ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to create a process for a patient to direct end-of-life treatment in a standardized physician orders for life sustaining form.

The Honolulu Emergency Services Department of the City and County of Honolulu, the Hawaii Family Forum, the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii, Hospice Hawaii, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Department of Health supported the intent of this measure. The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and a concerned individual opposed this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2046; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



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 H.B. No. 1379, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1379, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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


JOURIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



