

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

706

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1537
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. 1537 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to specify that any person, including an employer, that provides for an automatic external defibrillator (AED) program shall not be vicariously liable for any civil damages resulting from any act or omission by a Good Samaritan attempting to use an AED, except as may result from gross negligence or wanton acts or omissions.

The Department of Health, American Heart Association, AED Institute of America, Inc., and several individuals testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity.

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. 1537, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1537, H.D. 1.

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


JOURIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



