

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1195

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2009

RE: H.B. No. 573
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 573, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY AND BUDGET RESERVE FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen the State's financial reserves.

Specifically, this measure requires an unspecified percentage of any carryover cash surplus in the state general fund balance at the close of a fiscal year to be deposited into the emergency and budget reserve fund.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one government agency and one private organization. Comments on this measure were submitted by one private organization. The written testimony and comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that this measure is essential to ensure that the State has sufficient financial reserves to address the purposes of the emergency and budget reserve fund. Upon further consideration, however, your Committee believes that a ceiling should be imposed on the amount of any carryover cash surplus to be deposited from the general fund to the emergency and budget



reserve fund, to ensure that the State has sufficient resources to meet outstanding obligations.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure to set a ceiling equal to an unspecified percentage of the sum of all general fund revenues received in the prior three fiscal years for deposit from the general fund into the emergency and budget reserve fund in any fiscal year.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 573, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 573, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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




DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 573, HDI	WAM	APRIL 2, 2009		
<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
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HEE, Clayton				/
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
TOTAL	8			4
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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