

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 214

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 696
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 Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 696
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IN
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to work towards strengthening the
financial viability of the state's health care safety net hospital
system and streamline labor relations in the Hawaii Health Systems
Corporation (HHSC) and its regions by establishing a separate
collective bargaining unit for the employees of HHSC and its
regions.

HHSC and its Kauai and West Hawaii Regional Systems supported
this bill. The United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO
(UPW) opposed this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance
and Office of Collective Bargaining submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by providing that only
members of the Hawaii Government Employees Association who are
also HHSC employees will be consolidated into a single, new
bargaining unit.

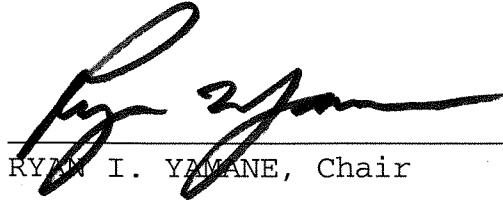
As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your
Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No.
696, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading

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in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 696, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



