

Honolulu, Hawaii

March, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 704  
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 704  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOME CARE AGENCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that agencies providing home care services to consumers meet minimum standards relating to the health, safety, and welfare of consumers by requiring the Department of Health (DOH) to temporarily license home care agencies until June 30, 2014.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii, AARP Hawaii, ILWU Local 142, and Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs supported this bill. The Department of Human Services and DOH opposed this bill.

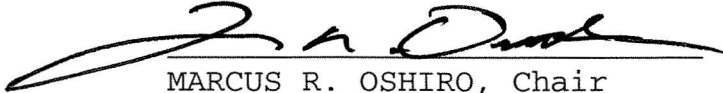
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 704, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 704, H.D. 1.

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

  
MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



