

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

821

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 782

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. 782, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM MEDIATION ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help facilitate the mediation process between parties in multi-state contexts by adopting the Uniform Mediation Act, which, among other things, establishes a privilege that assures the confidentiality of mediations in legal proceedings, provides exceptions to the privilege to protect integrity and knowing consent, limits disclosures by the mediator to judges and other arbitrators, requires mediators to disclose conflicts of interest, and assures that parties may bring an attorney or other individual designated by the party to the mediation session.

The Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation testified in support of this bill.

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. 782, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



