

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 200

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 12, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 791

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 791 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to invalidate any county ordinance that prohibits group living facilities for the elderly and persons with disabilities from being located within certain distances of other group living facilities.

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee finds that under present law, no provision invalidates ordinances that set minimum distances between group living facilities. This measure would render void as against public policy any ordinance that prohibits a group living facility from being within any specified distance from another group living facility. Accordingly, this measure will help prevent housing discrimination against the elderly and disabled as these populations increase and require affordable housing.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 791 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,


JOHN M. MIZUNO, Chair



