

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1105
S.D. 2

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 S.B. No. 1105, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS AND PROCEDURES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require reports of studies or audits by an executive department or agency, and by the Legislative Reference Bureau, Auditor, Judiciary, or Office of Hawaiian Affairs to be the subject of a public hearing or informational briefing.

This measure further requires that these reports be submitted to the Clerk and Presiding Officer of each house of the Legislature, chairs of the applicable subject matter committee of each chamber, and the Legislative Reference Bureau library. The public hearing or informational briefing may be waived by the Senate President or Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Your Committee believes that establishing a procedure to require certain reports to be subject to a public hearing or informational briefing will assist the Legislature in following up on various issues dealt with in those reports.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language to narrow the scope of the requirement to conduct a public hearing or informational briefing on

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reports of those studies or audits that are specifically requested by the Legislature by concurrent resolution of the Legislature or required by law, including budget measures;

- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 1105, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1105, S.D. 2.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



