

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2009

RE: S.B. No. 201  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 201  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE HAWAII  
COUNTY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the  
Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council for the purchase of ten  
buses to provide transportation for disadvantaged and low-income  
people in the County of Hawaii.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the  
Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council. Copies of written  
testimony are available for review on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii County is geographically the  
largest of the State's counties. Your Committee also finds that  
twenty-four off-highway communities exist along a two-hundred-  
sixty-mile area where no transportation services are available  
other than that provided by the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity  
Council.

Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii County Economic  
Opportunity Council currently uses twenty-eight mini-buses to  
serve their clients and that ten of the buses are more than ten  
years old, each with over 250,000 recorded miles. These ten buses  
require frequent maintenance and repairs, encounter difficulties



in meeting safety checks, and increase operational costs due to inefficient use of gas and oil.

Your Committee believes that the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council provides a unique and valuable service by providing transportation for low-income elderly, disabled, low-income preschool children, and other disadvantaged people in the County of Hawaii.


Your Committee acknowledges the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council's request for \$600,000 to purchase the ten buses but will currently leave the appropriation request unspecified to allow the Committee on Ways and Means to determine the appropriate amount.

Your Committee has amended this measure as follows:

- (1) By deleting the dollar amount and leaving it unspecified for determination by the Committee on Ways and Means; and
- (2) By making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 201, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 201, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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DWIGHT Y. TAKAMINE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Labor**  
**LBR**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB281</b>	Committee Referral: <b>LBR, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-12-09</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (C)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)	✓			
BUNDA, Robert				✓
HEE, Clayton	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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