

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

732

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 1607

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. 1607 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help improve services and service delivery in public hospitals by restructuring the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) to delegate control over the assets, personnel, services, and operations of HHSC to community-based, regional system boards with a transition period of not more than one year unless agreed to by the regional system board. This bill also makes an appropriation from the general fund to support the transfer of control and services.

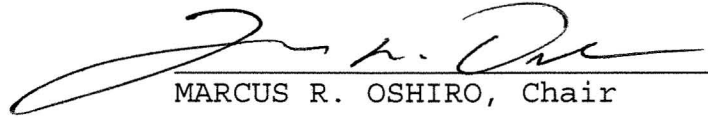
HHSC, the Hawaii Government Employees Association, and Hawaii Primary Care Association supported this bill. The State Procurement Office and United Public Workers opposed this measure. The State Attorney General and State Auditor provided comments.

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. 1607 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



