

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 163

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2011

RE: S.B. No. 590

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 590 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to extend the date on which the Legislative Federal Economic Stimulus Program Oversight Commission is terminated from June 30, 2011, to December 31, 2011.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one entity.

As background, Act 150, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, provides exemptions from statutes relating to procurement and rulemaking to allow the State to expedite the implementation or expansion of programs, services, and benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Act 150 also established a Legislative Federal Economic Stimulus Program Oversight Commission to ensure transparency and accountability in the distribution and implementation of federal economic stimulus program funds and expenditures.

Your Committee finds that in these times of economic turmoil, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is instrumental in bringing, as soon as possible, additional financial assistance and other social services to Hawaii residents who have been affected by the current economic circumstances as well as


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improvement and expansion of benefits to the neediest individuals and families in Hawaii. This measure will help to ensure that these federal funds are distributed and expended in a transparent manner to maximize the effectiveness of the funds.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 590 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations, and
Military Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs
PGM

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 ^{ord} Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
ESPERO, Will (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)				✓
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
RYAN, Pohai				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	3	-	-	2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Rosalyn H Baker*

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*Only one measure per Record of Votes