

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 11, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1141  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which  
was referred H.B. No. 1141 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INFORMATION  
PRACTICES ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to provide limits on the  
disclosure of complaints under certain circumstances and allows  
departments and agencies to adopt rules about complaint  
disclosures.

The Hawaii Dental Association, The Hawaii Lumber Products  
Association, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii, the  
Hawaii Association of REALTORS, and numerous concerned individuals  
supported this bill. The Department of Commerce and Consumer  
Protection and its Regulated Industries Complaints Office, the  
Office of Information Practices, Kokua Council, and Common Cause  
Hawaii opposed this measure. The Judiciary provided comments.

This measure addresses conflicting interests in providing  
public access to complaints filed with state or county agencies.  
The Legislature supports public access to as many government  
records as possible while at the same time remains cognizant of  
the need to protect the reputations and abilities of businesses  
who might have unfounded complaints lodged against them.

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Your Committee amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1141, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1141, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Consumer  
Protection & Commerce,



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ROBERT N. HERKES, Chair



