

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3397

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 13 2012

RE: S.C.R. No. 30  
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 30, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES  
CONGRESS TO AMEND THE UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the United  
States Congress to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

Specifically, the measure urges Congress to:

- (1) Apply the Act's cost estimation requirements to federal  
legislation that alters the conditions for receiving  
existing federal grant assistance;
- (2) Expand the scope of cost estimates to include indirect  
costs imposed by new federal legislation and rule  
making;
- (3) Remove the exception for mandates issued by independent  
regulatory agencies; and
- (4) Require cost estimates to be issued within six months  
after the adoption of urgent federal regulations that  
are issued without prior notice.

Your Committee finds that unfunded federal mandates place  
unreasonable demands on limited state resources. Your Committee

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also finds that the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 was adopted to limit these mandates by requiring accurate cost estimates of federal legislation and rulemaking. However, loopholes in the original legislation have prevented full implementation of the Act according to its intent.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 30, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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

  
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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SCR30 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>P&amp;M, WAM</b>	Date: <b>4-11-12</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado				/
KAHELE, Gilbert				/
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				/
RYAN, Pohai	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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