

Honolulu, Hawaii

January 31, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 195

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 195 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC
GUARDIAN, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the functions of the Office of the Public Guardian by:

- (1) Prohibiting the Office of the Public Guardian from petitioning for its own appointment as guardian for an incapacitated person; and
- (2) Authorizing the court to allow the Office of the Public Guardian to manage an incapacitated person's financial assets where no conservatorship is in effect.

The Office of the Public Guardian testified in support of this measure. The Department of Human Services provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by terminating the Office of the Public Guardian's authority to manage the incapacitated person's financial affairs if a conservatorship comes into effect.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 195, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 195, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



