

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2016

RE: H.R. No. 28

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.R. No. 28 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON IMPOSING MANDATORY ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS DISPUTES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to reduce homeowners associations dispute litigation, which results in association coffers being used for legal fees rather than common maintenance repairs, and delays that can ultimately affect the health and safety of hundreds of people, by developing a plan for requiring homeowners association disputes to be resolved by dispute resolution alternatives prior to resorting to litigation.

The Community Association Institute Hawai'i Chapter and one individual testified in support of this measure. The Hawai'i Association of Realtors provided comments on this measure.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 28 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the



Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,


ANGUS L.K. McKELVEY, Chair



