

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1170  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 1170 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require certain audits and studies enacted with a legislative appropriation to be submitted to the clerk of each house, presiding officers of each house, and chairs of the appropriate subject matter committee of each house; and
- (2) Require a public hearing or informational briefing on certain audits and studies enacted with a legislative appropriation within one year of receipt of the report unless the requirement is waived.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Auditor; United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that studies and audit reports required by legislative action often go unexamined and unnoticed, while the reports may contain valuable information that deserves a forum to be appropriately reviewed and considered. Your Committee finds



that requiring a public hearing or informational briefing on certain studies and audit reports funded by legislative appropriation is reasonable to ensure the fiscal accountability of appropriating funds to conduct such studies and reports.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that studies and audits enacted in a budget measure or with a legislative appropriation are subject to the hearing requirement;
- (2) Clarifying that subject matter committee chairs of the respective study or audit are the persons to receive the study or audit;
- (3) Providing a mechanism for an extension of time to hold a public hearing or informational briefing on the studies and audits; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1170, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Government  
Operations,

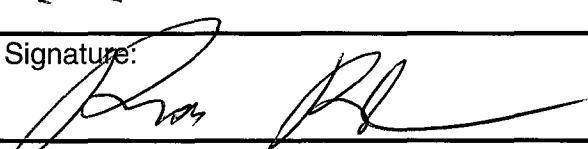


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Government Operations**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1170</b>	Committee Referral: <b>GVO, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/9/17</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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E. (VC)	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	X			
RHOADS, Karl	X			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-size: 2em; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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